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Carl Megel Scholarship

The IFT Special Education Scholarship is named in honor of the late Carl Megel, who was the AFT's first full-time president from 1952-1964. Megel began his teacher union career as an officer of the Chicago Teachers Union in the 1930's and served the union for over 50 years.

AWARD

The Illinois Federation of Teachers shall present one special education scholarship award in the amount of \$1,000.

ELIGIBILITY

The award is entirely unrestricted as to race, religion, political affiliation, or choice of accredited college, university, business, trade or vocational school. The applicant must be the son or daughter of a currently employed, active member in good standing of the Illinois Federation of Teachers, or the son or daughter of a deceased member who was in good standing with the Illinois Federation of Teachers at the time of death, and a high school senior who will graduate this year. Additionally, a student may be sponsored by an IFT member who is currently or has previously been a teacher of the special education student (attach a letter stating reasons for sponsorship and teacher's name, address and local number). Students applying for a special education scholarship must be presently enrolled in a special education school, class or program for students with mental impairments, physical impairments, learning disabilities, visual/hearing impairments, deafness/blindness, behavior/emotional disorders, speech/language impairments, autism, traumatic brain injury or other health impairment. Students who plan to teach special education are not eligible.

HOW TO APPLY

The application must be completed in full and signed by the applicant. The applicant's parent, guardian or sponsoring teacher must also sign so that the IFT Scholarship Committee can verify membership in good standing.

The following information must be submitted with this application:

- ✓ Transcripts
- ✓ Extra-curricular activities record
- ✓ College entrance test scores, when appropriate (write "none" if applicant has not taken the tests)
- ✓ List of all monetary scholarships or awards received (write "none" if applicable)
- ✓ Applicant's work record, including type of work, approximate number of years worked, and approximate number of hours worked per week
- ✓ A brief statement from applicant – *What do you hope to gain from a post-secondary education*
- ✓ Statement of recommendation from a teacher, dean, counselor or other school educator
- ✓ Proof of enrollment in a special education program from a teacher, dean, or counselor

Incomplete information will be cause for rejection. Facsimiles not accepted. The material received by the committee will become the property of the committee and will not be returned.

Completed application with supplementary materials must be received in the IFT offices at 500 Oakmont Lane, Westmont, IL 60559 by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, December 2, 2011.



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APPLICATION FOR 2012 CARL J. MEGEL SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

Please print or type

Name of applicant _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

Name of high school presently attending _____

Address of high school _____

Expected date of graduation _____

Name of applicant's teacher or parent/guardian
who is/was an IFT member _____

School where teacher or parent is/was assigned _____

Address of IFT member _____

IFT member's local union name and number _____

List all monetary scholarships or awards received (write "none" if no awards have been received)
(Attach additional pages if necessary)

List applicants work history, including hours per week (write "none" if applicable)
(Attach additional pages if necessary)

Copy college entrance exam test scores attached,
or indicate "none" if tests not taken _____

Recommendation from teachers, dean or
counselor or other educator attached

*I hereby apply for the 2012 Illinois Federation of Teachers' Megel Scholarship award and agree to abide
by the decision of the scholarship committee. I understand that the decision of the committee is final.*

Signature of Parent, Guardian or Teacher

Signature of Applicant

Date

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IFT 2012 Megel Scholarship applicant statement

(Please attach to your completed scholarship application form)

Applicant Name _____

Please submit a brief statement answering the following question:

What do you hope to gain from a post-secondary education?