

ELKHART COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Dear Applicant;

Please read the following carefully before completing the application. Any missing information in the application will disqualify the entry. By completing the application, you affirm that you meet the eligibility guidelines below.

ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES:

1. Must be a graduate of an Elkhart County Public High School
2. Must be a resident of Elkhart County
3. Must be admitted to an education program at an accredited Indiana college or university
4. Must be going into Junior, Senior, or post-grad year
5. GPA 3.0 and above
6. Complete statement of financial need
7. Complete a short essay
8. You have not previously received this scholarship

This is a one-time scholarship.

The scholarship will be for **\$1000 for the 2026-2027** school year.

Application deadline is May 2, 2026

Send email with completed application form (below) as an attachment to:

danaewirth@gmail.com

A committee will review each application, and the **recipient will be notified by May 30.**

Please read and complete the following form carefully.

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PART I

Personal Data:

Full Legal Name:

Home Address:

City:

State:

Your school email:

Name of higher education school:

Expected College Classification (Jr. or Sr. or Grad candidate) for fall, 2027:

Select Area of Study: Elementary, Secondary, or Graduate School (Major must be education)

PART II

Academic Data:

Name of high school from which you graduated (must be public, Elkhart County):

Date of graduation:

College academic information

1. Name and contact of Academic Advisor:
2. Current GPA:

PART III

FINANCIAL NEED STATEMENT: *Clearly articulate your financial hardship, explain why your current resources are insufficient to cover the out-of-pocket costs for your education, and describe how the requested funds will enable your success.*

Costs for the upcoming academic year

Total Tuition: \$ _____

Out-of-pocket responsibility (including expenses, books, fees, and housing): \$ _____

PART IV

In 200–250 words, explain the most meaningful reasons you chose to pursue a degree in education. What motivates you to become an educator, and what goals do you hope to achieve in the field?