

## **SCHOLARSHIPS**

The scholarships offered by the Illinois Association for Home and Community Education are:

- A. IAHCE Member Education Scholarships: These Scholarships are awarded by the IAHCE Scholarship Committee according to the guidelines found in the IAHCE Guidebook.

All scholarships are offered with no discriminations to sex, age, years in school, national origin or whether she or he has received it previously.

- B. Ruth B. Sayre Scholarship which is offered by our affiliate CWC. Information can be found in the IAHCE Guidebook guidelines pg. 60 - 61 and at [www.cwcusa.org](http://www.cwcusa.org)

Scholarships are renewable to qualified applicants.

## **SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE GUIDELINES**

This Committee shall consist of four members who are presently on the IAHCE Board. They will serve revolving two-year terms so that two new members will be appointed each year. The IAHCE Secretary should not be a member of this committee, because she/he would know the identity of the applicants.

### **DUTIES OF THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE:**

Review scholarship guidelines yearly.

Choose full time recipients.

Directs the IAHCE Treasurer to issue checks for scholarship recipients.

Full scholarships of \$500 each up to ten (10) scholarships awarded yearly if funds are available.

## **IAHCE EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES**

1. The applicant must be a member in good standing or an immediate family member, child or grandchild of such member of a county HCE/HEA for a minimum of three years. Recipient of an IAHCE Scholarship must be a current resident of Illinois regardless of whether they attend a school in Illinois.
2. The applicant must attend a vocational institution or institution of higher learning working toward a vocational certification, undergraduate degree or graduate degree.
3. The Applicant must submit a new application each year. Eligibility is limited to four years.
4. For each of the full (\$500) scholarships, the student must be considered a full time student by the college the student is/will be attending. Auditing of classes cannot be included in minimum hours.
5. The Scholarship Committee reserves the right to make judgment in cases not covered by the guidelines.
6. Students must maintain a 2.0 point © average. Transcript required for most current school year..
7. Payment of all scholarships is made in two installments. The first half of payment will be made by July 1. The second half will be made no earlier than January 1 – upon receipt of the student’s fall grades transcript by the scholarship committee chairman. Her/his name and address will be on the letter of acceptance that carries the July check.
8. Scholarship applications must be postmarked by May 1.
9. All applications will receive a letter by July 1 indicating whether or not they are recipients of the scholarship.
10. A photo must be attached to the cover page of the application. These photos will be used by IAHCE for publicity purpose (Newsletter/Annual Conference). If an applicant is not accepted for a scholarship, the photo will be returned.
11. If for any reason, the applicant is unable to enroll, the awarded scholarship is to be returned in full to the IAHCE Treasurer.
12. No current IAHCE Board Member will be eligible for a scholarship.
13. The IAHCE Board Secretary will receive the application – keeping the cover page until the scholarship winners have been chosen, so that the committee will not know the identity of the applicants until after selections are made.



**APPLICATION FOR IAHCE EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP**

(Additional sheets may be used)

How many years have you or your family member been a member of IAHCE?: \_\_\_\_\_

List names of High School (s) or college (s) attended and number of years each: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name & Address of college you plan to attend: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name of course of study or major you plan to take: \_\_\_\_\_

What license, certificate or degree is granted on completion?: \_\_\_\_\_

What are your employment goals/plans?: \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be considered a full time student by the college you attend? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Have you received this scholarship before? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If "Yes", how many times? \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach the most current grade transcript.

List other Honors and awards received: \_\_\_\_\_

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List School Activities: \_\_\_\_\_

List Community Activities: \_\_\_\_\_

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List Your Work Experiences: \_\_\_\_\_

Attach two non-family letters of recommendation.

Attach a short essay (approximately 150 words) stating your educational goals and how this scholarship will help you attain these goals.

If IAHCE member, list all HEA/HCE offices held in Unit, county or state level: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **RUTH B. SAYRE SCHOLARSHIP**

Sponsored by  
Country Women's Council USA  
The Associated Country Women of the World

Mrs. Ruth Buxton Sayre attained national and international recognition championing a better way of life for rural people. Her efforts on behalf of rural women and families spanned three decades and earned her high posts in state, national and international organizations. She served as ACWW President 1947-1953.

One of her many distinctions included being the only woman appointed to a USA Advisory Committee by President Eisenhower. In 1976 she was honored by being inducted into the Iowa Woman's Hall of Fame.

"If goods don't cross the borders, soldiers will," expresses her views on trade and peace. She constantly encouraged women to "let out the seams" of their thinking.

The aim of this memorial scholarship is to lift people, in her name, by helping them to help themselves through education

### RUTH B. SAYRE SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES (Revised 8-21-96)

#### I. Eligibility

- a. Applicant shall be a woman and a resident of the USA.
- b. Shall be submitted through an ACWW/CWC affiliated society, but not necessarily a member themselves.
- c. Have a financial need.
- d. Show ability to complete education.
- e. Show potential Leadership.
- f. Carry a minimum of nine (9) hours.

#### II. General Condition of the Scholarship

- a. Country Women's Council shall be responsible for the administration of the scholarship.
- b. Individual ACWW/CWC affiliated society members shall seek out scholarship applicants.
- c. The ACWW/CWC affiliated society submitting the approved application shall keep in contact with the recipient and report progress.
- d. The scholarship shall be paid up to the amount of \$500 for a period of study not to exceed (12) months.
- e. Scholarship money shall be sent to the educational institution where student is attending. Money is to be used for tuition first. If any remains, it can be applied to books and other school related expenses.
- f. If satisfactory progress is made, the applicant may apply for the same award to continue studying the succeeding year.
- g. Scholarships shall not be advertised on radio or non-member publications.

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## III. Applications

- a. Scholarship applications shall be postmarked by March 1<sup>st</sup> of any given year.
- b. Application shall contain:
  1. Only current application forms
  2. Personal Data form (page 2)
  3. Educational Information form (page 3)
  4. Applicants one page summary.
  5. Transcript of grades.
  6. Financial statement form (page 4)
  7. Two recommendations (page 5)
  8. Recent photo (approximate wallet size)
  9. Completed application packet must be signed by an authorized officer of a sponsoring ACWW/CWC affiliated society. Applicant will not be considered if sponsoring society is not a state or national member listed with ACWW/CWC.

## IV. Administration

- a. Scholarship money shall be sent to recipient's chosen educational institution on August 1<sup>st</sup>.
- b. The Scholarship Selection Committee Chairman shall be the Treasurer of the Country Women's Council, USA. The national president/chairman of each affiliated society, not represented by the Treasurer shall complete the selection committee.
- c. Number of scholarships awarded shall depend upon availability of funds.

Ruth B. Sayre Scholarship application forms should be requested from the CWC USA Treasurer:

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New Palestine, IN 46163  
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Scholarship Established in 1982 by Country Women's Council, USA