

Fred Kunz Memorial Scholarship

Offered by: The Fred Kunz Family

Administered through: Winnebago County Retired Teachers Association (WCRTA)

Eligibility

This scholarship is open to area students who are pursuing teacher certification. Applicants must be sophomores, juniors, or seniors in college and have declared an education major leading to certification at the elementary, middle school, or high school level.

About the Scholarship

Fred Kunz was a long-time public-school teacher and a dedicated member of the Winnebago County Retired Teachers Association. He devoted his life to helping students and strongly believed in the importance of community volunteerism. Fred believed that those who receive help in life have a responsibility to give back to others and to their community.

Applicants will be evaluated based on academic achievement, volunteer service, personal character, and commitment to the teaching profession.

Application Instructions

Complete all sections of this application and submit **all required materials** on or before **April 1, 2026**, to:

Regional Office of Education #4

300 Heart Blvd

Loves Park, IL 61111-7516

ATTN: Fred Kunz Scholarship

Applicant Information

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____ **School:** _____

Required Application Materials

Please submit the following items with this application:

1. **Three letters of recommendation:**
 - One from a current or former teacher
 - One from an individual who has supervised your volunteer work
 - One from a community member familiar with your character and work ethic
2. **A current copy of your college transcript**
3. **A typed personal essay** explaining why you deserve this scholarship.
 - Include a summary of your volunteer work
 - Highlight personal characteristics and academic success

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Important:

- Put your name on every page of all submitted materials
- Save a copy of everything for your records

Consent to Release Information

I, _____, give consent for the Fred Kunz Memorial Scholarship Committee to announce my selection and related information to the media if I am chosen as a recipient.

Applicant Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Questions?

Contact Mike Cannariato, Scholarship Chair at recr84u@yahoo.com

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