

# ILLINOIS REAL ESTATE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

**In recognition of more than 28 years of distinguished service  
to the Illinois Association of REALTORS®,  
the Real Estate Educational Foundation has established the**

## **The Robert E. Cook Scholarship**

Bob Cook, CAE served as the Executive Vice President and Chief Governmental Lobbyist for the Illinois Association of REALTORS® from 1956 to 1984, marking a time of growth and expansion for the Association. Under Mr. Cook's leadership, the Illinois Association of REALTORS® grew from 2,200 members and a \$20,000 annual budget to more than 23,000 members and a \$3 million budget. In addition, Mr. Cook was instrumental in the founding of the REALTORS® Political Action Committee of Illinois and the REALTOR® Institute of Illinois, and was a guiding force in the development of a myriad of other Association services, including professional liability insurance. He was a driving force in the founding of the Office of Real Estate Research at the University of Illinois, and in the formation of the Real Estate Educational Foundation.

**The Robert E. Cook Scholarship Fund will be used to award scholarships each year to selected individuals for the continuation and expansion of their knowledge in the field of association management.**

The Cook Scholarship may be awarded to selected individuals wishing to further their education at a junior college, college, or university, with the stipulation that they pursue a course of study which relates to the field of Association management. Scholarship grants may also be awarded for Association management training such as: attendance at the Executive Officer Seminar of the National Association of REALTORS®, the Institute of Organization Management sponsored by the United State Chamber of Commerce, or specialized training programs offered by the American Society of Association Executives. The number of scholarships awarded and the dollar amount (not to exceed \$500) for each will be determined by the Foundation.

### The Foundation

The Illinois Real Estate Educational Foundation is a not-for-profit organization established to aid and promote real estate education throughout Illinois. The Foundation is supported through voluntary contributions from organizations and individuals who recognize the importance of furthering academic experience and training in the Illinois Real Estate industry.



# SELECTION CRITERIA

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The application must be completed and returned to the Foundation's office not later than March 1. Copies of letters of recommendation and reference must be received by the Foundation's office not later than March 1.

The selection of scholarship recipients will be determined by the Foundation, based on the following eligibility requirements:

- The applicant must be an Executive Officer of a local Board/Association in Illinois;
- Or have expressed an interest in becoming a local Board/Association Executive Officer in Illinois;
- Or be currently employed by a local Board/Association in Illinois and interested in pursuing a career in Association Management.

The selection of scholarship recipients will be determined by the Foundation, taking into consideration the following criteria:

- The applicant's indication of interest in pursuing or continuing to pursue a career in Association Management; and,
- The applicant's letters of recommendation from at least one local Board officer of the Board within which the scholarship applicant resides or works, and two letters of recommendation from any of **a)** local REALTOR® or REALTOR® Associate members, **b)** members of the Executive Committee of the Illinois Association of REALTORS® or **c)** a Chief Executive Officer from another Association; and,
- Statement from applicant indicating how they plan to use the scholarship.

## All of the following must be submitted by March 1:

1. A letter of recommendation from at least one local Board officer of the Board within which the scholarship applicant resides or works. (*Replies from these references are to be sent directly to the Foundation, are confidential, and will not be revealed to the candidate.*)
2. Two letters of recommendation from any of **a)** local REALTOR® or REALTOR®-Associate members, **b)** members of the Executive Committee of the Illinois Association of REALTORS® or **c)** a Chief Executive Officer from another Association. (*Replies from these references are to be sent directly to the Foundation, are confidential, and will not be revealed to the candidate.*)

To obtain an application packet visit [www.ilreef.org](http://www.ilreef.org) or call the Illinois Real Estate Educational Foundation at (866) 854-7333. The application materials described here should be sent to the address specified below.

Questions not answered in this packet may also be directed to: Illinois Real Estate Educational Foundation; P.O. Box 2607; Springfield, Illinois 62708.  
Phone: (866) 854-7333



# *Robert E. Cook Scholarship*

## *APPLICATION FORM – Please type or print neatly*

Mail this completed application by March 1 to:  
 Illinois Real Estate Educational Foundation  
 P.O. Box 2607  
 Springfield, IL 62708

Telephone: (866) 854-7333  
 Fax: (217) 241-9935

<b>Applicant's Name</b>			<b>Firm Name</b>		
<b>Address</b>			<b>Firm Address</b>		
<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Zip Code</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Zip Code</b>

I am currently an Executive Officer of a local Board of REALTORS®.       Yes       No

I have no experience as an Executive Officer, but am interested in pursuing such a career.       Yes       No

**Work Experience:** (No more than past 10 years. C.V. may be submitted)

Employer	City	Dates	Types of Work
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
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**Education:** (List most recent first)

School	City	Dates	Degree
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

The following local Board officer(s) – please indicate office held – have been requested to write letters regarding my qualifications, character and interest in Association management, and to send them directly to the Illinois Real Estate Educational Foundation:

Name	Title or Position	Address
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

The following REALTOR® or REALTOR®-Associate members, members of the IAR Executive Committee or Association CEO, have been requested to write letters regarding my qualifications, character and interest in Association management, and to send them directly to the Illinois Real Estate Educational Foundation:

Name	Title or Position	Address
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

<b>Signature of Applicant</b>	<b>Date</b>
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Your signature above affirms that all information provided on this form is true as of the date specified.  
 Thank you for your interest in the Robert E. Cook Scholarship Program.



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