

# ILLINOIS REAL ESTATE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION



**Richard D. Wiegiers**  
**June 4, 1945 to April 23, 2003**

Richard “Dick” Wiegiers was born June 4<sup>th</sup> 1945 in East St. Louis, Illinois. Dick graduated from the East St. Louis Campus of Southern Illinois University, after which he became the sales manager for St. Louis Screw & Bolt, Inc., one of the nation’s largest distributors of machined and specialty hardware. In 1981, Dick obtained his real estate license. He obtained his broker’s license and purchased his first Century 21™ franchise in 1982. After 13 years as a broker/owner, Dick established a partnership with longtime friend, Dale Huff, creating D&D New Home Sales, incorporated in 1995. Dick has helped build more than 1,000 homes in the Greater Gateway area.

Dick took immense pride in his business and was very dedicated to the communities in which he worked and lived. For five years, he served tirelessly as the leader of the REALTOR® Political Action Committee (RPAC) Board of Trustees. He served on the Federal District Coordinating Group from 2000 to 2003, becoming the liaison to Senator Richard “Dick” Durbin. He has served as the President of the Greater Gateway Association of REALTORS® and was named the REALTOR® of the Year in 1990. Dick was also active in the Knights of Columbus as well as the Collinsville Unit 10 School Board.

Simply put, Dick loved life. He took great pride in his career, but his family always came first. He cherished his children, grandchildren, and wife of 36 years, REALTOR® Betty Jo Wiegiers.

### **Richard D. Wieger Scholarship:**

In recognition of years of distinguished service, the Real Estate Educational Foundation has established the Richard D. Wiegiers Scholarship Fund. The Richard D. Wiegiers Scholarship was created to make it possible for Illinois residents to pursue an undergraduate college or university education in the fields of Business, Law, Finance, or a graduate program in Business. The scholarship may be used for expenses including tuition, room and board, texts and materials at any college or university in Illinois. Scholarships are awarded annually, with awards not exceeding \$1,000.

### **The Foundation:**

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

## SELECTION CRITERIA

The application must be completed and returned to the Foundation's office not later than April 1. Copies of the applicant's transcripts and letter of recommendation must be received by the Foundation's office not later than April 1. Mail all information to the **Real Estate Educational Foundation**, P.O. Box 2607, Springfield, IL 62708. (We realize transcripts for the final grading period will not be available.)

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

- The applicant's record of scholastic achievement, including academic grade point average;
- The applicant's economic need or situation;
- The applicant's intended course of study and career goals;
- The applicant's reference and/or recommendation.

**All of the following must be submitted by April 1, along with the scholarship application form:**

(The following checklist is for your convenience only)

- \_\_\_ 1. A typed, signed statement of your general activities and intellectual interests, employment (if any), your contemplated line of study, and of the career you expect to follow. (This statement should not exceed 1000 words in length and should be written in as simple and direct a manner as possible.)
- \_\_\_ 2. Your proposed program of study, including a brief description of the career path you plan to pursue in working toward your degree.
- \_\_\_ 3. Official copies of transcripts of all your collegiate or high school records (certified by the Registrar or some other responsible official) of the courses that you have taken.
- \_\_\_ 4. Letter of recommendation from any two of the following: Association Executive from a local association of REALTORS<sup>®</sup>, a REALTOR<sup>®</sup>, member in good standing with the Illinois Association of REALTORS<sup>®</sup>. Reference may be included with your application or sent directly to the Foundation.

**Illinois Real Estate Educational Foundation**  
**Richard D. Wieggers**  
**APPLICATION FORM**

*Please type*

Name of applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security # \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby make application for the Richard D. Wieggers Scholarship to be used at (name and location of college or university at which you expect to do your work) \_\_\_\_\_

I will be in my \_\_\_\_\_ year, working toward a(n) (associate, bachelor's, master's, doctoral) \_\_\_\_\_ degree.

I am a citizen of the United States of America: \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no

I am a resident of the State of Illinois: \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_

I have had college training as follows: (college attended, number of years, and degrees secured or to be secured for which official transcripts are attached) \_\_\_\_\_

The following person has been requested to write a letter regarding my qualifications, character and so forth, and to send them directly to the **Illinois Real Estate Educational Foundation**:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

It is my understanding that this scholarship is granted for the purpose of helping me secure a college degree, and that it may be revoked at any time my standard of work and conduct no longer appears to warrant its continuance.

Signature of applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Current address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number, with area code \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent residence address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

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