

# ILLINOIS REAL ESTATE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

## The Rich Port Scholarship

**Commitment to education and ethical conduct were deeply rooted  
in the life of Rich Port.**



Rich Port was a respected real estate entrepreneur, an aggressive leader, and an American patriot. He was the guiding force in establishing the REALTORS® Institute more than 25 years ago, to provide advanced educational opportunities for REALTORS® and REALTOR-Associates®, and he was the first of nearly 6,000 people in Illinois who have earned the professional designation of Graduate of the REALTOR® Institute (GRI).

Voluntary contributions made to the Rich Port Memorial Fund make it possible for Rich Port's educational influence to continue.

The Rich Port Memorial Fund will be used to award scholarships for Course One, Course Two, or Course Three of the REALTOR® Institute of Illinois. The number of scholarships awarded will be determined by the Foundation. The Foundation wishes to award the maximum amount of scholarships each year. Each scholarship will pay for tuition, reimbursement for actual expenses incurred, including hotel expenses and meals, may also be considered by the Foundation. Total scholarship, including tuition and reimbursement, is not to exceed \$500.

## 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.

## Eligibility

Any person who has been a licensed real estate agent in Illinois for a minimum of one year, working in Illinois, is interested in furthering their career in the real estate industry, and who is a resident of Illinois is eligible to apply for a scholarship. This Scholarship cannot be used for reimbursement for previously attended GRI Institutes.

Course One is open to anyone with an interest in real estate. To be eligible for Courses Two and Three, the applicant must have successfully completed the preceding course(s) or equivalency exam(s).

## RICH PORT 1917-1986

Rich Port founded and served as chairman of the Board of Rich Port REALTORS® in LaGrange, Illinois.

He served as President of the LaGrange Board of REALTORS®, the Illinois Association of REALTORS® and the National Association of REALTORS®, and of the American Chapter of the International Real Estate Federation. He was the driving force behind the establishment of the REALTOR® Institute of Illinois, and gave direction in the founding of the national REALTORS® Political Action Committee.

The Rich Port Scholarship Fund has been established as a tribute to Mr. Port's personal commitment to education as a means of improving the professionalism of the real estate industry.



# SELECTION CRITERIA

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The application must be completed and returned to the Foundation's office not later than October 1. Copies of letters of recommendation and reference must also be received by the Foundation's office not later than October 1. Mail all information to the Illinois Real Estate Education Foundation; P.O. Box 2607; Springfield, Illinois 62708.

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 a career in real estate;
- The applicant's references and recommendations by at least one real estate broker from the office with which the applicant is affiliated (if the applicant is from a small office a designated principle broker from another firm within the same local association may be used) and from two officers from the local Board of which the applicant is a member, one of which may be the local Board Executive Officer;
- The applicant has been a licensed real estate agent or broker for a minimum of one year, working and residing in Illinois;
- The applicant may not have previously been awarded a Rich Port Scholarship.

**All of the following must be submitted by October 1 along with the scholarship application form:** (The following checklist is for your convenience only)

\_\_\_\_\_1. A typed, signed statement of activities in your local Board, including any committee memberships or chairmanships, of your attendance at local Board meetings and functions, and of your attendance at meetings and functions of the Illinois Association of REALTORS®.

\_\_\_\_\_2. Information regarding community involvement, including details of local, state and national participation in civic and service clubs, charitable activities, political action, fraternal or religious groups.

\_\_\_\_\_3. A letter of recommendation from at least one real estate broker from the office with which the applicant is affiliated. (*Replies from the references are to be sent directly to the Foundation, are confidential, and are under no circumstances to be revealed to the candidate.*)

\_\_\_\_\_4. Letters of recommendations from two officers (one which may be the local Board Executive Officer) from the local Board of which the applicant is a member. (*Replies from these references are to be sent directly to the Foundation, are confidential, and are under no circumstances to be revealed to the candidate.*) Information could include committees on which you have served, attendance at the local Board, State Association and National Association functions.

\_\_\_\_\_5. Your personal letter providing information about why you need this particular scholarship, your plans for use of the scholarship, and your future goals as they relate to the use of this scholarship.

**NOTE:** Some requested material will not apply to an applicant who is not a member of a local Board and the Illinois Association of REALTORS®.

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 Education Foundation; P.O. Box 2607; Springfield, Illinois 62708.



# Rich Port Scholarship

## APPLICATION FORM – Please type or print neatly



Mail this completed application by October 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>Social Security Number</b>	<b>Date</b>
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I received my license in _____ Real Estate License Number _____	<b>Firm Name</b>
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<b>Residence Address</b>	<b>Firm Address</b>
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<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Zip Code</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Zip Code</b>
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<b>I hereby make application for the Rich Port Scholarship from the Illinois Real Estate Educational Foundation to be used at the REALTOR® Institute of Illinois at:</b> (please indicate location and date)  _____  _____	<b>For: (check one)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Course One</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Course Two</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Course Three</b>
	<b>I am a citizen of the United States of America:</b> _____ Yes    _____ No
	<b>I am a resident of the State of Illinois:</b> _____ Yes    _____ No

**The following two officers (please indicate office held) of the local Board with which I am affiliated (please indicate Board) have been requested to write letters regarding my qualifications, character and so forth, and to send them directly to the Illinois Real Estate Educational Foundation:**

Name	Title or Position	Address
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

**I have had real estate training as follows:**

**The following broker(s) have been requested to write letters regarding my qualifications, character and so forth, 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 Rich Port Scholarship Program.



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