

Illinois Education and Training Grant

The Program

The Illinois Real Estate Educational Foundation (REEF) created a scholarship fund along with the Illinois REALTORS® to provide scholarship assistance to applicants pursuing a degree or license within the field of real estate in the state of Illinois.

To be eligible for an award from the Illinois Education and Training Grant, applicants:

- ✓ Must meet current minimum Illinois licensing standards;
- ✓ Must have not received the benefit of an Illinois Education and Training Grant in the past; and
- ✓ Must be a permanent resident of Illinois.

This scholarship may only be used toward an IAR 75-hour pre-license topics course (Home Study, e-Study, or live classroom) or an IAR 90-hour pre-license package. Applications are ongoing – there is no application deadline. Applicants must apply and be awarded the grant **PRIOR TO REGISTERING** for the course and will be reimbursed the award amount **AFTER** course completion.

The maximum scholarship amount is \$100. Scholarship funds *must* be used within 12 months of the award date. Any unused funds will be returned to the Illinois Education and Training Grant Fund for use by other applicants. The Illinois Education and Training Grant cannot be used for reimbursement of previously attended courses. No scholarship will be awarded retroactively.

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.

To Apply

To obtain an application, visit www.ilreef.org or call the Illinois Real Estate Educational Foundation at (866) 854-7333. The application materials described here should be sent to: Illinois Real Estate Educational Foundation; P.O. Box 2607; Springfield, Illinois 62708.

Questions not answered in this packet may also be directed to the Foundation.

The Application Process

The applicant should submit the completed application and all supporting materials to the address specified below. All scholarships are awarded by the Scholarship Subcommittee of the Illinois Real Estate Educational Foundation's Board of Directors. Scholarship awards are made on an ongoing basis. Please submit all application materials at least two weeks before enrolling into your real estate course. Once you have submitted your application, please allow two weeks for applications to be reviewed.

A complete application includes the Application Form, the Employment History Form, two Recommendation letters, proof of high school graduation or GED, and an essay from the applicant. This application packet includes the Application Form and the Employment History Form. The applicant must supply proof of high school graduation or GED, two recommendation letters, and an essay (typed). The essay should be one page or less in length discussing the applicant's career goals and why he or she should be awarded financial assistance through Illinois Education and Training Grant.

Scholarships are valid for 12 months. During this period, awardees are required to register, take, and successfully complete their course of study. After successful completion, awardees should send copies of their award letter, proof of completion and all receipts to the address specified below for reimbursement. This scholarship cannot be used for reimbursement of previously attended courses. No funds will be advanced to the student.

Scholarship funds must be used within 12 months of the award date, may only be drawn once, and cannot exceed the maximum award of \$100. Any remaining funds will be returned to the Illinois Education and Training Grant Fund, for use by other applicants.

Application Form

The completed form provides the Illinois Real Estate Educational Foundation with the pertinent information regarding the applicant's career plans, school background, educational goals, as well as on the school and course of study the applicant wishes to attend.

Employment History Form

The completed form provides the Illinois Real Estate Educational Foundation with information regarding the applicant's work history, including positions held and reasons for leaving jobs. The applicant may wish to provide supplementary materials if the form does not allow for a thorough presentation of the information regarding one or more former jobs.

Applicant Recommendation Letters

Recommendations provide the Illinois Real Estate Educational Foundation with information on the applicant's character and abilities. The letters should come from two individuals who know the applicant well, and will send them to the specified address in a timely manner.

Those submitting recommendations should be individuals who know the applicant through school, work, or community service activities. Each individual submitting a recommendation must certify that he or she is not the applicant's relative, not an employee of someone related to the applicant, and not affiliated with the school the applicant is planning to attend.

Eligibility

The Illinois Education and Training Grant is open to all residents of Illinois pursuing courses of study that will prepare them for careers relating to real estate. To be eligible for this award you must meet current minimum Illinois licensing standards.

Submission

All application materials should be sent to:

**Real Estate Educational Foundation
P.O. Box 2607
Springfield, IL 62708**



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APPLICATION FORM - Please type

Applicant's Name		Courses Available for the Scholarship:	
Current Occupation		<input type="checkbox"/> Illinois Broker 75-hour Pre-license Topics course (IAR Pre-license branch – live classroom) <input type="checkbox"/> Home Study 75-hour Pre-license Topics course <input type="checkbox"/> e-Study 75-hour Pre-license Topics course <input type="checkbox"/> 45/45 Pre-license Home Study/classroom coursework	
Date of Birth		Name of School/Program Applicant Wishes to Attend	
Applicant's Street Address		School's Street Address	
City in IL	Zip Code	City/State	Zip Code
Daytime Telephone Number () –	Applicant's Career Goal		Admissions Office Telephone Number () –

Educational History (Include high school and education beyond high school). Please Attach Official Transcripts.

Name of School	City/State	Dates Attended	Degree/Diploma Completed
_____	_____	_____ - _____	_____
_____	_____	_____ - _____	_____
_____	_____	_____ - _____	_____

What is the cost of the program you wish to attend? \$ _____

How much funding are you asking for through this application? \$ _____

Will you receive funding from any other scholarship program? Yes No If "yes," amount \$ _____

Have you received money in the past from the Illinois Education and Training Grant Yes No

For what course are you applying?	Date of the course?
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Identify the two individuals who will be providing recommendation letters on your behalf:

Name	Title or Position	Telephone Number
_____	_____	() –
_____	_____	() –

Signature of Applicant	Date
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Your signature above affirms that all information provided on this form is true as of the date specified, that you have read the rules, and that you agree to abide by them.



Thank you for your interest in the Illinois Education and Training Grant.



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EMPLOYMENT HISTORY FORM - Please type

Please list below the requested information on employers for whom you have worked. You need not include part-time or summer jobs, though you are encouraged to include short-term or part-time jobs if you do not have considerable full-time work experience or if short-term or part-time jobs form an important component of your work history.

Current Employer (leave this section blank if you are not currently employed):

Name of Firm: _____ Telephone: () - _____

Address: _____

Job Title: _____ Starting Date: _____

Brief Description of Duties: _____

Name of Supervisor: _____

Most Recent Former Employer:

Name of Firm: _____ Telephone: () - _____

Address: _____

Job Title: _____ Starting Date: _____

Brief Description of Duties: _____

Reason for Leaving: _____

Other Former Employer:

Name of Firm: _____ Telephone: () - _____

Address: _____

Job Title: _____ Starting Date: _____

Brief Description of Duties: _____

Reason for Leaving: _____

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