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How to apply for the 2010 ROBERT G. PORTER SCHOLARSHIP

The Illinois Federation of Teachers' Robert G. Porter Scholarship was established to honor the late Illinois educator and union activist. Porter was a civics teacher and treasurer of the East St. Louis Federation of Teachers, Local 1220. In 1960, Porter became the administrative aide to American Federation of Teachers' President Carl Meigel. He helped charter many AFT locals in Illinois, building the foundation for the strong IFT that today represents more than 95,000 men and women. Porter was a driving force in the nationwide battle to win collective bargaining rights for teachers. He served as AFT secretary-treasurer from 1963 until his death in November 1991. During that time, the AFT grew from 50,000 to 800,000 members. This scholarship honors his lifelong commitment to education and to the labor movement.

AWARD

The Illinois Federation of Teachers shall present two \$6,000 scholarship awards (\$1,500 each year for four years) provided a student is enrolled full-time at an Illinois public university and maintains a "C" cumulative average.

ELIGIBILITY

The award is entirely unrestricted as to race, religion or political affiliation. The applicant must be the son or daughter of a currently employed, active member in good standing of the IFT, the son or daughter of a member of an IFT retiree chapter, or the son or daughter of a deceased member who was in good standing with the IFT at the time of death. The applicant must be a high school senior with a cumulative "B" average.

HOW TO APPLY

The application must be completed in full and signed by the applicant and parent or guardian. IFT membership will be verified before presentation of application to the IFT Porter scholarship committee. The following information must be submitted with this application:

- Transcript, including class rank
- Extra-curricular activities record/dates of participation
- College entrance test scores (Scholastic Aptitude Test [SAT] or American College Test [ACT])
- Financial information:
 - Anticipated costs of the college you plan to attend
 - List of all monetary scholarships or awards for which you have applied, if any
 - How you anticipate paying the remainder (loans, work, family contributions)
 - Additional financial information you wish the committee to consider
- Work employment record, if any, including type of work, approximate number of years, hours per week
- Completion of essay, typed
- Statement of recommendation from a teacher, dean, counselor or other educator

Incomplete information will be cause for rejection

All applicants will be notified by mail of the committee's decision. The material received by the committee will become the property of the committee and will not be returned. Decisions of the committee are final.

Mail the completed application and all supplementary materials to the IFT Robert G. Porter Scholarship Committee, Illinois Federation of Teachers, P.O. Box 390, 500 Oakmont Lane, Westmont, IL 60559.

Application must be received in the IFT Westmont office by 5:00 p.m., Friday, December 4, 2009.

Facsimiles will NOT be accepted.