

Southern Illinois Reading Council Scholarship for SIUC Student Teachers

Student teachers attending Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, student teaching in the Fall 2016 semester, may apply for a \$250 Scholarship. Applicants must be a Southern Illinois Reading Council (SIRC) / Illinois Reading Council (IRC) member to apply. If already a member, please include Illinois Reading Council membership number on scholarship application. If not a member, SIRC invites you to become an IRC/SIRC member. (Another \$250 Scholarship will be given to a preservice teacher for the Spring 2017 semester.)

IRC is a non-profit professional organization whose members promote reading and literacy for people of all ages. It has 27 local councils in communities in Illinois. There are over 6,000 members in Illinois working to further literacy goals. The Illinois Reading Council is the state affiliate of the International Literacy Association (ILA).

Why join IRC? The Illinois Reading Council publishes four quarterly newsletters and journals. These publications provide members with current news, events, and research. The price of joining the local council (SIRC) is included in the \$25 preservice teacher fee. SIRC has local activities throughout the year. In October, members receive a significant discount to attend the annual IRC conference in Peoria. This event features many prominent authors and speakers from all over the nation. In addition, preservice teachers need to demonstrate to future employers their commitment to education. By already being a part of a professional organization, IRC members will have an advantage.

Please visit the IRC website <http://www.illinoisreadingcouncil.org> for more information about joining IRC/SIRC. To join, complete and mail the attached membership form or visit on line <http://www.illinoisreadingcouncil.org/membershipform.html>.

Make sure when joining IRC, that you mark SIRC as your choice of local council. SIRC is providing the \$250 scholarship to SIUC preservice teachers. (Only SIRC preservice teachers may apply for the scholarship.)

In addition to IRC/SIRC membership, applicants must supply:

1. Up to date SIUC transcript
2. One professional written recommendation from SIUC professor, coordinator, or supervising teacher
3. Typed response of 200 words or less: How will this SIRC scholarship enhance your student teaching experience?
4. Include contact information and IRC membership number on essay.

Please mail scholarship applications to:
Cindy Pender, SIRC Board Member
Jonesboro Elementary School
309 Cook Ave.
Jonesboro, IL 62952

Questions? Contact: Pamela Rich Turner at pamelarichteacher@yahoo.com

Fall Scholarship Deadline: October 1, 2016
Spring Scholarship Deadline: April 1, 2017