



# Richard Manley Scholarship Application For Current Professional Educators

Awarded by AFT Local 604

The Richard Manley Scholarship is awarded in honor of a man who built AFT Local 604 into the position of respect it holds today not only in Illinois, but also the American Federation of Teachers. Anyone who knew or met Dick realized his passion for AFT Local 604 and our members. Dick served as president of AFT Local 604 when it merged with Local 1291 from April of 1976 until his retirement in January of 2018. Before that, he was president of Lockport Federation of Teachers Local 1291 starting in 1969. He began his teaching career at Serena High School before moving to Lockport Township High School, where he taught physics for 34 years. During his leadership, AFT Local 604 became the second largest local in the IFT and the 14<sup>th</sup> largest in the AFT with over 11,000 members and 75 councils in 10 counties.

AFT Local 604 is offering at least one scholarship up to \$2,000. The scholarship application is due in the Local office Wednesday, November 13, 2024. The winner will be announced at the February 19th Senate meeting. Applicants must be a currently licensed, practicing educator and a member in good standing in AFT Local 604. He/she must be pursuing a certificate, endorsement in an education-related field or working on a district- approved master's program.

### **Rules and Requirements:**

- Completed, typed application must be in AFT Local 604 office on or before Nov. 13th
- Applicant must be a tenured professional educator
- All requested information must be included at one time with the application
- The essay should not exceed 500 words
- Letter of Recommendation from a Union officer
- Review the Rubric and explain both your Union and Community Involvement

**Essay:** In no more than 500 words, explain your motivation in pursuing this academic study and how it will impact your work with students and the district.

### Checklist

- Typed application
- Typed essay
- Letter of Recommendation
- Review of the Rubric
- Explanation of your involvement in your school and/or community

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Personal E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Your Council Name \_\_\_\_\_

Your Council President's Name \_\_\_\_\_

In what district are you employed \_\_\_\_\_ How many years \_\_\_\_\_

Current Position \_\_\_\_\_

What university/college would/are you attending \_\_\_\_\_

What is the program's title \_\_\_\_\_

If selected as a recipient, what classes will you be taking? \_\_\_\_\_

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Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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