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**Springfield Education Association**

3440 Liberty Drive  
Springfield, IL 62704

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**Dear Future Teacher,**

The Springfield Education Association (SEA) offers the Sue Handy Scholarship to students pursuing a career in public school teaching, honoring Sue Handy's contributions to education. The scholarship is available to graduating seniors from District 186 or students with a parent or guardian employed by the district, as long as they attend a public school.

Recipients will receive \$2,500 over four years: \$500 annually for the first three years, and \$1,000 in the fourth year. To maintain eligibility, students must remain enrolled in a teacher preparation program.

**To be considered for the scholarship, please submit the following:**

- **Resume:** A professionally formatted, typed resume outlining your relevant experience, including academic achievements, volunteer work, tutoring, leadership roles, or any other relevant skills or qualifications.
- **Personal Essay:** A typed, two-page, double-spaced essay discussing your motivation to pursue a career as a public school teacher, and identifying the individual(s) who have inspired your decision to follow this path.
- **Letters of Recommendation:** Two letters of recommendation are required. One letter must be from a current or former teacher who can speak to your academic abilities, work ethic, and potential as a future educator. Please note that letters of recommendation will not be accepted from relatives.
- **Unofficial High School Transcripts:** Submit a copy of your unofficial high school transcripts to provide insight into your academic performance.
- **Proof of College or University Acceptance:** Provide documentation confirming your acceptance into a recognized college or university within a teacher preparation program.

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**Springfield Education Association Scholarship Information****All application packets must be submitted to:**

Springfield Education Association  
Attn: Sue Handy Scholarship Committee  
3440 Liberty Drive  
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**Deadline:** All applications must be received no later than **April 1st**.

**Interviews:** Applicants should be available for interviews after school on **April 15th and/or April 17th.**

**Fall Schedule:** Scholarship recipients must submit the address where they would like their check mailed, along with their fall class schedule, by **August 1st** each year to:

Email: Amanda Plunkett at [amanda.plunkett@ieanea.org](mailto:amanda.plunkett@ieanea.org)

~OR~

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Award Distribution: Scholarship checks (payable to the recipient) will be mailed to the address on file no later than **September 15th.**

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We appreciate your interest in furthering public school education and look forward to considering your application. If you have any questions regarding your application, please contact the SEA-IEA office at 217-787-7060.

Sincerely,  
Sue Handy Scholarship Committee  
Springfield Education Association