



Mary Wheeler Scholarship Application

Awarded by Local 571

WEST SUBURBAN TEACHERS UNION, LOCAL 571

IFT, AFT, AFL-CIO

500 Oakmont Lane

P.O. Box 390

Westmont, IL 60559

Mary Wheeler, who we honor in granting these scholarships, was a teacher at Proviso High School from 1924 to 1965. She was a highly respected educator who was very actively involved in the American Federation of Teachers and the Illinois Federation of Teachers as an AFT vice president and an IFT president. She founded the Proviso Council of Teachers during the 1938-1939 school year and helped in the formation of several councils in the western suburbs. She was also president of the West Suburban Teachers Union, Local 571 for many years. Mary Wheeler represents, to the young people of this area, a very courageous, pioneering spirit in her profession.

Six (6), \$3,200, one-time scholarships will be awarded in 2023. Eligible applicants are high school seniors graduating in 2023 whose parents or guardians are members in good standing of Local 571. They must plan to continue their education full time in the Fall of 2023.

Rules and Requirements:

- All portions of this application must be typed.
- Please submit the following:
 - The completed Mary Wheeler Scholarship application form.
 - Two letters of recommendation, one of which must relate to academic achievement. *Letters must be on school letterhead and signed.*
 - An **OFFICIAL** high school transcript showing grades through the seventh semester.
 - A copy of second semester schedule, if not appearing on the transcript.
- The completed application and all the required documents must be mailed or hand-delivered (call 630-468-4083 to schedule day/time if hand delivering) to the West Suburban Teachers Union. Please see the address printed above and on the last page.
- All materials must be postmarked by February 15, 2023.

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Applicant

First Name _____ **Last Name** _____

Mailing Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Home Phone _____ **Cell Phone** _____ **E-mail** _____

Today's Date _____ **Birth Date** _____ **Graduation Date** _____

High School Attended _____

High School Address _____

High School City, State, Zip _____

High School Phone _____

Grade Point Average on a 4.00 Scale _____ **OR** **Grade Point Average on a 5.00 Scale** _____

Member of Local 571 (Applicant's Parent or Legal Guardian)

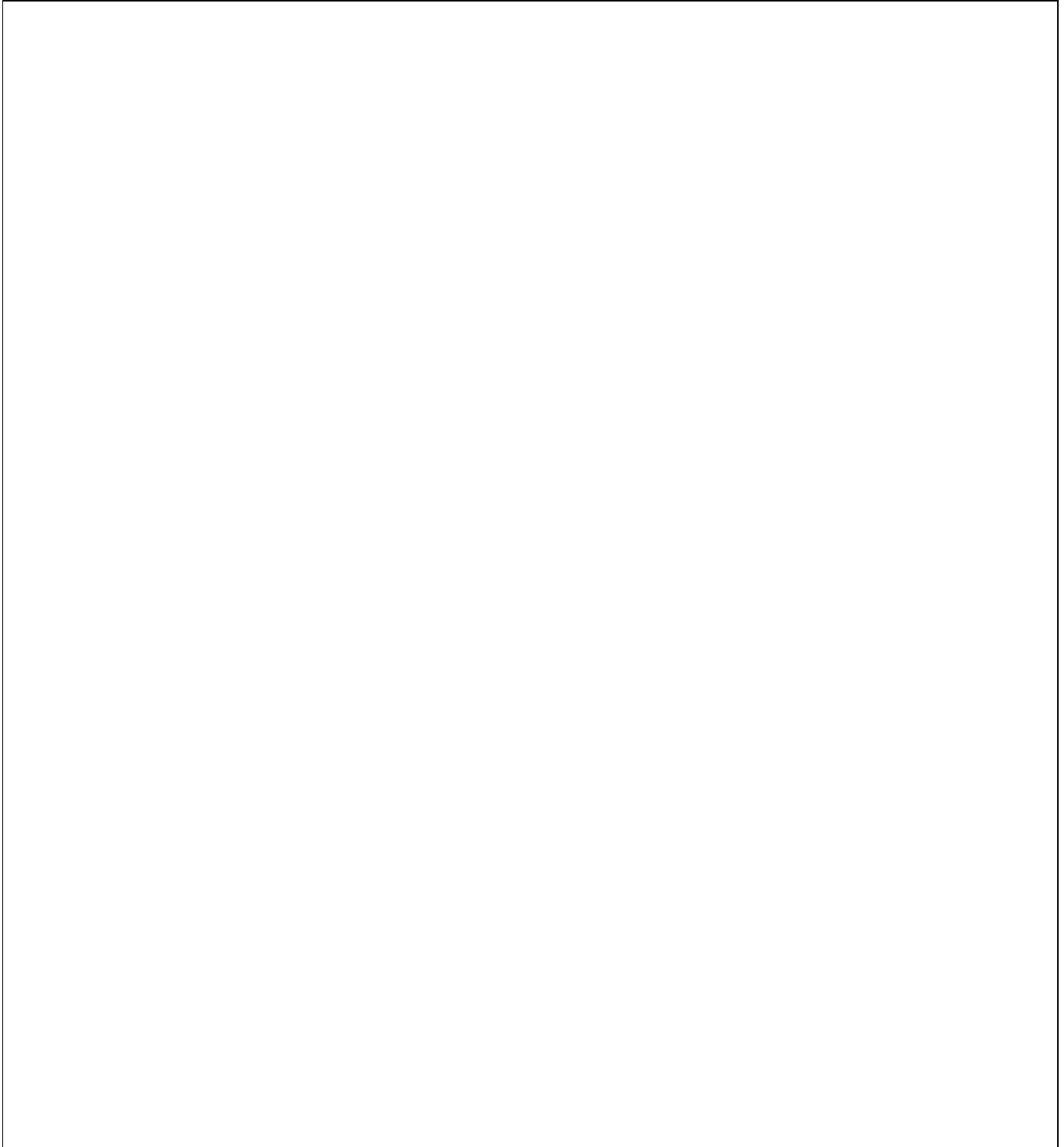
Name of Local 571 Member _____

Relationship to Applicant _____

Member's Council (School District) _____

Is member currently paying dues? Yes _____ **No** _____

Essay #1: 350 words (or less) addressing the following topic: *Mary Wheeler is described as a courageous and pioneering spirit in education. Share an experience you had while in high school that demonstrates a courageous, pioneering spirit. What did you learn, because of this experience?*

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for the student to write their 350-word essay. The box occupies most of the page below the instructions.

Essay #2: 350 words (or less) addressing the following topic: *Tell us about something you are involved in outside of the school day (work, club, sport, volunteer, etc.). Focus on the commitment you made and how it has impacted others and/or the community.*

<u>College(s) Applied To</u>	<u>Admission Decision</u> (check one)			
_____	Accepted _____	Denied _____	Wait List _____	Still Waiting _____
_____	Accepted _____	Denied _____	Wait List _____	Still Waiting _____
_____	Accepted _____	Denied _____	Wait List _____	Still Waiting _____
_____	Accepted _____	Denied _____	Wait List _____	Still Waiting _____
_____	Accepted _____	Denied _____	Wait List _____	Still Waiting _____

College planning to attend _____

Major/area of study _____

If I am a winner of this year's competition, please send a press release to the following newspaper(s).

1. Newspaper _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

2. Newspaper _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

I authorize the Local 571 scholarship committee to contact my school for verification of my scholastic accomplishments.

Applicant's signature _____

Signature of parent/legal guardian _____



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Checklist

- _____ Application
- _____ Two Essays
- _____ Two letters of recommendation on *school letterhead and signed*
- _____ **OFFICIAL** high school transcript showing grades through the seventh semester
- _____ A copy of the second semester schedule, if not appearing on the transcript

Reminders

- All portions of the application must be typed.
- All materials are to be mailed or hand delivered (call 630-468-4083 to schedule day/time if hand delivering) to:

West Suburban Teachers Union, Local 571
Attention: 571 Scholarship Committee
500 Oakmont Lane
P.O. Box 390
Westmont, IL 60559

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