



Rita Wilson

Memorial Scholarship

This Scholarship is a \$1,000, renewable scholarship awarded to one student looking to pursue a career in education.

Mrs. Rita Wilson was a beloved primary school teacher at Elida Elementary School for many years. Although she began her teaching career at her alma mater of Spencerville Local School, Rita taught most of her career at Elida Elementary. She began as a tutor, followed by several years in kindergarten, with most of her teaching years in third grade. Rita retired in 2004 after 30 years of teaching.

After starting her education as a nursing student at Wright State University, Rita quickly realized her heart was in teaching, and she followed that passion throughout her life. She cherished each and every child that came through her classroom, and she not only spent time with them in the year they were with her, but she followed them throughout the rest of their school years and into adulthood. She attended the graduations and weddings of many of her students, and she was well-known for sending birthday cards to students every year—sometimes 20 years or more after they graduated from High School.

Rita was not only invested in her students at Elida Elementary School, but she taught Sunday School and played the piano for special needs adults for 48 years at Lima Baptist Temple.

It is the wish of Rita's family that her legacy and love of teaching live on in future students.

The Rita Wilson Memorial Scholarship is a \$1,000 per year scholarship. This Scholarship may be renewable for up to four years, but renewal is not guaranteed. Applicants must submit an application each year.

Application Requirements:

1. Students must be majoring in an education related field while attending a college or university.
2. Maintain at least a 3.0 GPA.
3. Complete a 300-500-word essay on why they want to be an educator

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Student Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____ Parent/Guardian Number: _____

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Guidance Counselor Signature: _____

College/University you plan on attending: _____ **Major:** _____

Other Scholarships Received:

Write a 300-500-word essay on why you want to become an educator.

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