



Mary A. Kelly Scholarship Information

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Be registered for **graduate-level** work towards a degree in education at a South Carolina college or university.
- Have at least two years of successful classroom teaching experience.
- Be a current member of the SCIRA. Be an active member of a **local reading council** for at least one year.

To apply, submit the following electronically by December 1st of the current school year.

- 1) A completed copy of the official SCIRA scholarship application form,
- 2) Three letters of recommendation from:
 - The applicant's present employer,
 - A past or present professor,
 - A local SCIRA council member.
- 3) A one-page response to the application prompt (#12 of the SCIRA application).

Please note that scholarship application and/or letters of recommendation must show evidence of membership in SCIRA, financial need, academic potential, and success as a classroom teacher.

The recipient will be awarded a one thousand dollar (\$1,000) scholarship. A check for the scholarship amount will be made payable to both the recipient **and** his or her college or university to be used for the next summer or school year.

A recipient may reapply for a second year if need and satisfactory performance are demonstrated. A recipient may not apply for a third year.



Mary A. Kelly Scholarship Application

1. Name _____
Last First Middle

2. SCIRA Membership # _____ Local Council Affiliate _____

**APPLICANT MUST BE A CURRENT MEMBER AS OF DECEMBER 1ST OF THIS SCHOOL YEAR.
Contact the SCIRA Director of Membership for verification.**

3. Address _____
Street

City State Zip

4. Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

5. Home Email _____ Work Email _____

6. Present Employment: _____
School Name Position

Complete School Address

7. College/University Name _____

Department _____ Department Head _____

Address _____ Phone Number _____
Complete Address

8. What is your anticipated degree completion date? _____

9. How many hours have yet to be completed in your degree subject? _____

10. Graduate Degree: _____ Masters _____ Doctorate Other _____

11. List other grant or scholarship monies you have received: _____

12. Why do you want an advanced education degree? What are your plans after you complete your degree? (Enclose a one-page response in your Mary A. Kelly Scholarship.)

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