



Illinois Food Retailers Association

Individual Member Company Scholarship Program

"PIGGYBACKING"

The **Illinois Food Retailers Association Scholarship Program** provides a mechanism for member companies to sponsor their own scholarship program utilizing the administration of the IFRA program. Member companies can "piggyback" on to the IFRA Scholarship Program's application procedure to make scholarship awards to the children of their permanent, full-time employees and/or their part-time employees who are full-time students in high school or college.

The children of full-time employees, and part-time employees who are full-time students, can apply for two scholarships by submitting one application. Applicants are considered first for the scholarships sponsored by the Association and then, after those winners are selected, those applicants from "Piggybacking" firms who do not win scholarships in the first competition are pulled out of the applicant pool so that they can be considered for the company-funded scholarships.

Participating companies are guaranteed that they will have scholarship winners because only applicants from the sponsoring companies are considered for these scholarships.

Members participating in the program can make tax-deductible, charitable contributions which indirectly aid the parents of the winners, the colleges the winners attend, and directly aid the scholarship winners. The funds supporting scholarships are being donated to a tax-exempt entity and are paid to the colleges, not to the students.

The "Piggyback" scholarships will carry the name of the sponsoring member. Both the scholarship winners and the colleges they attend are informed of the source of the funds supporting the scholarships.

By using the Association's established scholarship program, "Piggybacking" members avoid the expense of producing descriptive brochures and applications, and administrative expenses. **The Association pays the administrative expenses as a service to its members.**

Members are free to establish the selection criteria for their awards and to set the amount of their scholarships. A minimum \$500 award is required. The awards are tailored to the company's specifications.

Members must notify the Association that their company would like to participate in the "Piggyback" Program with the number of scholarships, the amounts, and the scholarship name. When the posters announcing the program are mailed in January, participating members should notify their employees of their involvement in the "Piggyback" Program and encourage eligible employees to apply for a scholarship because someone is guaranteed to win.

ILLINOIS FOOD RETAILERS EDUCATION FOUNDATION

The Illinois Food Retailers Association Scholarship Program was established to assist deserving college students employed by IFRA member companies with the cost of continuing education. We urge you to participate in this program by sponsoring your own company scholarships through "Piggybacking" and/or with a direct contribution to the Foundation's general fund.

Please mark Option 1 and/or 2

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Option 1

To Piggyback:

We would like to "Piggyback" on the Illinois Food Retailers Association Scholarship Program by awarding one or more scholarships. Please ask the Illinois Food Retailers Association Scholarship Program Administrator to select the number of winners indicated below for the amounts indicated after the IFRA winners have been selected in April.

Upon receipt of a scholarship poster in January, we will inform our employees that we are "Piggybacking." We understand that we will have to remit the full amount of the award(s) we fund to the Foundation by July 1, and that the Foundation will be responsible for the administrative costs for our awards.

We will fund _____ "piggyback" scholarship(s) in the amount of \$ _____ each.
(A \$500 minimum award is required).

Our scholarship(s) shall be called _____ Scholarship(s).
(Name of Scholarship)

In selecting winners for our award(s), please give priority to:

_____ No priority _____ Children of our full-time employees
_____ Part-time employees

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Option 2

Please accept our contribution for the IFRA Scholarship Program.

\$50.00 \$150.00
 \$100.00 Other Amount _____

The Illinois Food Retailers Education Foundation will mail you an invoice at a later date.

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Signature _____ Title _____

Company _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Office Phone (____) _____ Fax (____) _____

Please mail or fax today to:

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