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ORA BRETALL SCHOLARSHIP
Application Form

Ora Bretall Scholarships will be awarded on a one-time basis to persons enrolled in graduate programs at Illinois State University whose proposal for masters thesis or doctoral dissertation deals significantly with issues in educational theory or religious thought, and who give promise of continued contribution to the development of educational theory and practice. Educational theory refers to study in pedagogy, educational foundations, curriculum and educational administration. Eligible students from all colleges in the University may compete for an Ora Bretall Scholarship. The selection committee evaluates the applicants demonstrated scholarship and potential as illustrated by a) the applicant's academic record, b) an abstract of the accepted/defended thesis/dissertation proposal, and c) 2 letters of recommendation that speak to the contribution this research will make as well as the applicant's ability to complete the research successfully.

As a general guideline, an award of $1,000 for master's thesis and $2,000 for doctoral dissertation will be made, although variation to this standard may be made by the selection committee in relation to special aspects of the proposed thesis/dissertation project and funds available from the endowment. Receipt of this award may impact other financial aid that a student receives. Awards will be announced in October and April.

Instructions: There are two sections to this application. Read and complete both sections of the application. Submit application and supporting materials listed below no later than September 15 for fall, March 15 for spring. (If these deadlines fall on the weekend, the Monday after the 15th will be the due date.)

Section 1. Student Information

Name: _____ _____
Last First Middle UID ISU Email

Home Address: _____
Street City Country Postal code Phone Number

Local Address: _____
Street City State Zip Phone Number

Major area of study: _____ Degree (check one): Master's ☐ MFA ☐ SSP ☐ Doctorate ☐

Expected Date for completion of the degree: _____

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Section 2: Supporting Materials

a. Personal Statements. Applicants submit three separate personal statements of no more than 250 words each--one on each topic listed below:
    a. Academic excellence, including awards and recognition received.
    b. Career goals.
    c. How research will contribute to advancement of educational theory or study of religious thought.

b. Copy of student's "approved "Thesis/dissertation Proposal Approval Form.

c. Summary or abstract of the thesis/dissertation proposal. *(500 - 750 words, double-spaced)*

d. *Letters of Recommendation.* Two letters of recommendation must be received in the Graduate School no later than September 15 for fall, March 15 for spring. The applicant is responsible for ensuring that the recommendation letters are received on time.

The letters must be sent by the recommenders directly to, jlkeena@ilstu.edu, with the subject line: BRETALL SCHOLARSHIP REVIEW.

One letter must come from an ISU faculty member who has tentatively agreed to work with the applicant on the thesis/dissertation project, and the other from another ISU faculty member in a position to evaluate the professional capability and promise of the applicant.

Name of each person from whom letters of recommendation have been requested.

1. _____ 2. _____

Note: Official transcripts will be secured by the selection committee. Applicants do not need to submit copies.