





## ESSAY QUESTION

Colleen Ritzer, the young woman for whom this scholarship is named, had a passion for teaching from a very young age. In her college essay she wrote: *“Teachers have been an inspiration to me ever since I was just a young girl. Starting in pre-school, I knew I loved helping the teachers and would one day want to be just like them. My dream is to become a teacher, one who shapes the minds and lives of children. My goal has always been to become a teacher that will impact students’ lives.”* \*

In a typed essay of no more than 500 words, please describe why you want to pursue a degree in education and what or who has inspired you. Attach your essay on a separate sheet of paper.

*\* To learn more about Colleen’s passion for teaching, her students and family, please visit the scholarship website at [www.colleenritzerscholarship.com](http://www.colleenritzerscholarship.com)*

## SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

If you feel there is something else we should know about you which could influence our decision in awarding this scholarship, please share such information in the space below.

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I declare that all the information provided in this application is my own work and is accurate to the best of my knowledge. By signing, I also provide permission for my name and contents of this application (except transcript information) to be shared by the Colleen E. Ritzer Scholarship Fund in announcing award recipients on the web and in other promotional materials should I be selected.

PRINT NAME	SIGN NAME	DATE
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### Important Instructions:

**Please ensure that all submission materials are postmarked no later than April 1, 2017 to the address below. Your submission is not complete until we have received:**

1. A completed and signed application form and essay.
2. A copy of your high school transcript.\*
3. A copy of your school’s profile.\*
4. One letter of recommendation from a teacher or guidance counselor.\*

***\* Ask your guidance department and or teacher to provide items #2, #3 and #4 to you in a sealed envelope, or mail them directly to the address below. Give your Guidance department 1-2 weeks to process your request!***

***Thank you for applying!***

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