

The McRoberts Memorial Law Scholarship

Hattie Feger McRoberts, who died on April 8, 1953, was the widow of William G. McRoberts, a prominent Peoria attorney. In her will, Mrs. McRoberts created a substantial scholarship fund for the purpose of helping deserving individuals from Peoria County who wish to study law. Since 1954, the scholarships have been provided for full-time study at any recognized university or college that is qualified to confer an L.L.B. or J.D. degree.

Qualifications

The recipient of a scholarship from the McRoberts Fund must meet the following qualifications:

- The applicant must require financial assistance in order to obtain a legal education.
- By the end of the current academic year, the applicant must have completed such high school and college courses as will enable immediate enrollment in a recognized institution of higher learning that is qualified to grant a degree in law.
- The applicant must have been a resident of Peoria County for five years immediately preceding selection.

Selection and Standards

Selection of those who are to receive scholarships will be made by a board of three Nominators, consisting of the Senior Circuit Judge of the Circuit Court of Peoria County, Illinois, the President of the Peoria Bar Association, and the President of the Board of Education of the City of Peoria.

While academic achievement in preparatory and undergraduate work is of some importance, an outstanding scholastic record is not necessarily a requirement for award of these scholarships. Serious consideration will be given to reputation, character, appearance, personality, and apparent aptitude for a career in law. Students with moderately good grade records are urged to apply in they need financial assistance, and can meet the other necessary qualifications.

Stipend

The amount of each scholarship will be determined on the basis of actual financial need, and it is possible that in some cases awards will be made that cover not only tuition, but room, board, and other expenses as well. Scholarships are renewable each year provided the recipient continues to meet the qualifications and maintains a satisfactory record.