



IRSPA

Iowa Retired
School Personnel
Association



IRSPA is proud to present a scholarship to a senior graduating in May of the current school year

The Parent in Heaven (PH) Balance Scholarship

The PH Balance Scholarship is intended for a high school senior who, at any time in his/her life, has lost a parent or legal guardian and forever feels that void. As educators and people who have worked in some capacity with children in the schools, we know the importance of family and parents. When the unspeakable happens, we want students to know that we understand and wish to bring some balance into his/her life in the form of a scholarship.

Our \$1,000 scholarship will be presented at the Annual Meeting and Convention the first week of October. The student will be selected from schools within IRSPA District 4: Harrison County, Shelby County, Audubon County, Guthrie County, Dallas County, Pottawattamie County, Cass County, Adair County, Madison County, Mills, County, Montgomery County, Adams County, Union County, Clarke County, Fremont County, Page County, Taylor County, Ringgold County, Decatur County. Qualifying students living or going to high school in those counties may apply for the scholarship. The scholarship will move to a different IRSPA district each year until voluntary funding will allow the scholarship to expand to one per district per year.

Qualifying students may plan on attending a four-year college, a community college, or a technical school with plans to earn a degree or diploma for their desired field of study. The scholarship is payable to the school after the successful completion of the first semester and continued enrollment for the second semester. Applications may be obtained by contacting an IRSPA District Coordinator, President/Scholarship Chair of IRSPA (Jean Hoffman), or by going to irspa.org, About tab, scholarship.



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NOTE: Fill out the document and save to your drive, documents, or cloud and then create a new email and attach the application as well as the other required documents in pdf format and send to phbalance2021@gmail.com. Put all attachments in **one** email.

Application **deadline is the second Friday in September of your senior year.**

Have all documents and letters of recommendation in **pdf format.**

Email all documents in one email to: phbalance2021@gmail.com

Include the following documents with the application cover sheet on the next page in the following order:

1. Application cover sheet
2. Qualifying letter: a letter or document of proof that a parent or legal guardian has passed away.
3. A copy of your high school transcripts:
4. A 200 word essay explaining what this would mean to you and how this scholarship will help in achieving your life goals.
5. Reference letters: Include three (3) letters of references from three (3) of the following varied categories: teacher; community member; employer; a faith related leader; an extra-curricular coach, a school administrator; an adult sponsor of a club or organization outside of school.
6. Have all documents in **pdf format** and email them in **one** email to phbalance2021@gmail.com by **the second Friday in September of senior year.**



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Application Cover Sheet

As teachers or people involved with schools, we understand the necessity of the support that comes from the home and the void that is created when a child loses a parent, both parents, or legal guardian due to death. There is a void that can never be fully filled. The PH stands for a parent in heaven. Balance is the support that is given to the child in the form of a scholarship. We know that nothing can ever fill that void or bring the parent back, but we want the child and his/her family to know that no matter when or how you lost your parent, we recognize that void and would love to show you our support and wishes for a bright future.

Name _____

Address _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

High School: _____

Date of High School graduation: _____

Plans to attend post high school education at _____

Desired Field of Study: _____

Please return this page with your application.