



**Dean Ritter Trust for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing**

2413 Algonquin Road, #313, Algonquin, IL 60102

January 12, 2018

RE: College Scholarships

Dear Student Services or College Guidance/Counseling Department:

My name is Heather Nelson and I am the Director of the Dean Ritter Trust for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. At this time, we are very excited to introduce a tuition scholarship for graduating seniors who are hearing impaired and intending on enrolling in an accredited university or technical school for the 2018-2019 academic year. Since our inception in 2013, we have given away over \$300,000 in college scholarships to students who are deaf and hard of hearing, in the state of Illinois.

For the 2018 – 2019 school year, the Dean Ritter Trust will be awarding scholarships varying in amounts between \$1000 and \$8,000 each. Please review the attached scholarship qualifications and distribute to those students who meet the criteria listed below:

- ***Must be a resident of the state of Illinois (DOES NOT need to be a US citizen)***
- ***Currently is a high school senior in good standing***
- ***Have a significant hearing loss in one or both ears***
- ***Exhibit financial need***

Our complete application, along with submission instructions, can be downloaded through our website at [www.deanritter.org/2018-scholarship](http://www.deanritter.org/2018-scholarship).

If you or your students have any questions or need further information please feel free to contact me via e-mail at [heather@deanritter.org](mailto:heather@deanritter.org). Thank you for your time and I look forward to working with you and your students!

Sincerely,

Heather Nelson  
Director, Dean Ritter Trust for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing