In 1935, the first state scholarship was established as the Lillian E. Glover Scholarship. It was established to encourage high school graduates to enter the field of education in order to ensure quality teachers will be available in the future. At that time, Illinois PTA voted to budget $300 annually for a scholarship to be awarded at the University of Illinois.

The success of the program depends entirely upon donations and the support of regions, districts, councils, local units and in kind donations from the community at large. The amount of funds to be offered each year will be dependent upon the contributions of the previous year.

The Illinois PTA Scholarship* is awarded annually to graduating seniors attending public high schools with a grade point average of 3.0 or above in a non-weighted 4.0 scale that are enrolled in a college or university in an education related degree program.

Over the years, this single scholarship has evolved to encourage college-bound high school seniors, entering the field of education or an education-related field at the college/university of their choice. The Illinois PTA has provided more than $2,500,000 in scholarship monies to those seniors. Currently two education scholarships throughout the state are awarded to help ensure qualified, certified education professionals from every part of the state will be in elementary and secondary classrooms in the future.

*Note: This is a one-time, one-year, non-renewable, non-repayable award.