

Franson-Anderson Endowed Memorial Scholarship

The Franson-Anderson Endowed Memorial Scholarship was originally established in 1995 to honor the memory of Class of 1952 graduate Ida Franson. The scholarship was renamed in 1999 to include the honor and memory of her husband "Jerry" Anderson (1928–1999). The original scholarship was established by Ida and Jerry's three children: Lorayne Anderson Russo '76; Sharon Anderson Patton; and Wallace Anderson '83, an Illinois State University Bone Scholar. The scholarship was renamed after their father passed away. The scholarship honors Ida and Jerry's firm belief in the importance of education as the foundation for success in life. Ida taught as a substitute teacher for the Niles school district for more than 30 years and was known for her commitment to her profession, a willingness to share her experiences, and an uncanny capacity to never forget a name or a face. After her teaching career ended, Ida continued to serve the community by volunteering as a librarian in the district.

Eligibility:

- College of Education student major (Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, Bilingual/Bicultural Elementary Education, Middle Level Education, SED DHH, SED LBS1, SED LVB)
- Undergraduate student or student pursuing second bachelor's
- Must intend to use the scholarship to support expenses associated with international travel for academic studies, including student teaching
- Cumulative GPA: at least 3.0
- Need-based, non-renewable scholarship
- Preference given to:
 - Elementary Education majors
 - Full-time students
 - Students planning a career in teaching
 - Senior academic standing

Franson-Anderson Essay Question:

1. Please explain your plan for international travel for academic studies.