

# THE RICHARD M. WEAVER FELLOWSHIP AWARDS PROGRAM

of the Intercollegiate Studies Institute

**O**F liberal education and its relation to the free society, Richard M. Weaver wrote in *Education and the Individual*:

*A liberal education specifically prepares for the achievement of freedom. Of this there is interesting corroboration in the word itself. "Liberal" comes from a Latin term signifying "free," and historically speaking, liberal education has been designed for the free men of a state. Its content and method have been designed to develop the mind and the character in making choices between truth and error, between right and wrong. For liberal education introduces one to the principles of things, and it is only with reference to the principles of things that such judgments are at all possible. The mere facts about a subject, which may come marching in monotonous array, do not speak for themselves. They speak only through an interpreter, as it were, and the interpreter has to be those general ideas derived from an understanding of the nature of language, of logic, and of mathematics, and of ethics and politics. The individual who is trained in these basic disciplines is able to confront any fact with the reality of his freedom to choose. This is the way in which liberal education liberates.*

**P**ROFESSOR WEAVER perceived that in opposition to this view "there has been a movement among certain people styling themselves educators to disparage and even do away with the very things that were once considered the reason for and the purpose of all education." These concerns were instrumental in the Intercollegiate Studies Institute establishing the Richard M. Weaver Fellowship Awards Program in 1964.

**T**HE Weaver Fellowship Program is maintained exclusively for those who will teach, for that profession presents the greatest opportunity to deal with the first concerns of civilization, and thus with its ultimate preservation. The teacher has the opportunity and responsibility to provide through succeeding generations for the continuation of a society that is learned, humane, and free. As Edmund Burke noted, "It is ordained in the eternal constitution of things that men of intemperate minds cannot be free; their passions forge their fetters." The Weaver Fellowship Program assists future teachers who are motivated, as was Professor Weaver, by the need to integrate the idea of liberal education with their teaching efforts, and, in so doing, to restore to university studies their distinguishing and value-giving mark.

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## APPLICATION FORM

The following information must be submitted before an application will be considered by the Fellowship Awards Committee. All materials should be sent directly to ISI.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address at School: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Discipline: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

- Statements discussing:
  - a. The purpose of education and the nature of a free society
  - b. Why applicant has chosen teaching as a profession
  - c. Why applicant wishes to receive a Weaver Fellowship
  - d. Personal, philosophical and professional autobiography of candidate
- Declaration of intent to teach
- Character references (two or more)
- Recommendations from professors (three or more)
- Transcript of grades

The deadline for application materials is JANUARY 15, 1974

**T**WENTY Weaver Fellows will be selected for the 1974-75 academic year. Each Fellow receives a grant of \$2,000 and payment of tuition at the school of his choice. Weaver Fellowships are not restricted to any particular field of study or to universities in the United States.

*An application form is included in this brochure.* This form and the required supporting material should be sent directly to the Institute. Each applicant must intend to pursue graduate work for the purpose of teaching in his discipline. Please forward all application materials and questions concerning the program to: Richard M. Weaver Fellowship Awards Program, Intercollegiate Studies Institute, 14 South Bryn Mawr Avenue, Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania 19010.

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