

**THE JOHN KEEPER SOCIETY OF THE ILLINOIS CCIM CHAPTER  
CHUCK WIERCINSKI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION  
\$1000 TO A CCIM CANDIDATE STUDENT**

<b>ILLINOIS CCIM CHAPTER CHUCK WIERCINSKI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP Information and Application</b>
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**Background**

The Chuck Wiercinski Memorial Scholarship honors Chuck Wiercinski as a valuable member of the Illinois CCIM Chapter. The Chuck Wiercinski Memorial scholarship was created in 2018 by the Illinois CCIM Chapter with matching funds provided by the CCIM Foundation. The scholarship honors Charles “Chuck” Wiercinski: a highly successful and long-time teacher for the CCIM Institute. Chuck was an excellent teacher and mentor to many brokers, and a tireless advocate for commercial real estate professionals in various governmental boards: both state and local. Named endowed scholarships honor those who have shown great dedication, commitment, outstanding achievement and service to the commercial real estate industry and Chuck certainly exemplifies those traits.

**About the Illinois CCIM Chapter**

The Illinois Chapter of the CCIM Institute is an organization composed of commercial real estate professionals who actively pursue networking, education and technological excellence in the Illinois and Midwest real estate industry. The Illinois Chapter provides value added networking, education and civic involvement to its 260+ members throughout the state.

**About the CCIM Foundation**

The CCIM Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. The Mission of the CCIM Foundation is to advance and foster commercial real estate education through scholarships, programs and initiatives.

**Scholarship Program Guidelines**

The Chuck Wiercinski Scholarship is an award to an Illinois CCIM candidate member for \$1,000 to be used to off-set the tuition for CI-103 toward the designee’s efforts to achieve the CCIM designation. Recipient should exemplify the high caliber of students that comprise the CCIM Institute and participating member to the Illinois CCIM chapter.

**Scholarship Selection Criteria**

Includes the following:

- Each applicant should be able to demonstrate a commitment to a commercial real estate career (see application).
- Recipient should demonstrate participation at Illinois CCIM events.
- Some consideration will be given to the need for financial assistance.

**Scholarship Value**

Recipient will receive **\$1,000** to offset the cost of **CI-103**: which is CCIM designation core course and Chuck’s main focus in CCIM teaching. If no appropriate candidate is available for CI-103, then the scholarship can be given to a new candidate for use towards CI-101, another course taught by Chuck.

**Procedure**

Applications are submitted to Illinois CCIM Board member below and are forwarded to a 3-person committee, including the current President, a John Keepper Society representative, and an Illinois Board member designated by the President. The 3-person committee will review the applications and select a winner with input from the full board.

**Deadline for Submission to Illinois CCIM Chapter: April 15, 2019**

Submittal Contact: Jim Conrad, CCIM – Managing Broker of McLennan Commercial Properties

Direct Phone: 847-655-3383

Email: [jpc@mclennancos.com](mailto:jpc@mclennancos.com) \*\*Please submit completed applications to this email address

**Recipient Notification**

Recipient will receive notice from the chapter of its decision by the end of April, and the award will be presented at a Chapter event on May 2 in Chicago.

**CHUCK WIERCINSKI MEMORIAL Scholarship Application**

Unless otherwise indicated, answers should not exceed 300 words (approximately a half-page) or less.

Candidate's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Work Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Candidate Member # \_\_\_\_\_

Which CCIM courses have you completed (please circle):

**CI 101**      **CI 102**      **CI 104**

Other Courses: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred 103 Course Location and Date:

\_\_\_\_\_

Complete and return this application to your chapter by July 31. The following must be submitted in order to be considered for a scholarship:

1. Completed Application, including Candidate Statement (see below)
2. Current Resume

**Chapter Involvement**

Please list your involvement/participation in the real estate community, Illinois CCIM Chapter, an/or other real estate related groups:

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**Essay Questions**

What do you want to accomplish during your career in real estate?

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Briefly describe your definition/perception of a successful real estate professional.

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What are your goals outside of the career accomplishments outlined above?

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What achievement (professional or personal) are you most proud of?

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Would you be able to take this course without the financial assistance of this scholarship? If not, why?

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**Candidate Statement**

A typed statement of 150-300 words explaining why you want to become a CCIM **MUST** accompany this application.

By submitting this application, I agree that in the event I am chosen to receive a scholarship, the Illinois CCIM Chapter, The John Keeper Society of the Illinois CCIM Chapter and the CCIM Foundation may use my name, likeness and/or profile in printed and electronic promotional materials.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Date

**Submission**

Return completed application to an Illinois CCIM Board Member before July 31. Decision notifications will be sent to applicants from the Chapter during the first two weeks of September.

TO BE COMPLETED BY CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIP [CHAIR, LIAISON, AND/OR COMMITTEE]:
Packet complete:    Yes    No
Reviewed by: _____
Award:        Yes        No
Date submitted to Illinois Chapter (& List Chapter contact): _____

# CHARLES “CHUCK” WIERCINSKI; CCIM, CRB, GRI

Chuck was born in the Chicagoland area and grew up in Niles, Illinois. He attended Main East High School and was a lifelong Chicago Cubs and Bulls fan. He was happily married to his wife Kathy for approximately 40 years. Kathy and Chuck both enjoyed golfing with their mutual friends and frequented many local restaurants. Chuck was quick with a joke – and beloved by his family and friends because of his selfless nature and devotion to sharing his experiences and knowledge.

Chuck began his career in the real estate brokerage business in 1975 by selling residential real estate in Schaumburg, IL. After working in residential brokerage and training for 10 years, Chuck worked at various local commercial real estate firms. In 1995, Chuck joined McLennan Companies where he served as Senior Broker and Managing Broker and devoted his full efforts to the sale and marketing of commercial/industrial buildings and land in Northern Illinois and Wisconsin. He successfully negotiated hundreds of sales and leasing transactions representing both buyers, sellers, tenants and landlords. He also was involved in site acquisition, land assemblages and zoning and re-zoning matters.

Chuck had a passion for teaching and mentorship in the real estate community. He was a Certified Commercial Investment Member of the National Association of Realtors, served on many of its committees, and was a Senior Instructor for the CCIM Institute. He was highly regarded as a Senior Instructor where he taught hundreds of real estate professionals on the marketing, selling, leasing and valuing of commercial/industrial real estate throughout the United States, Canada and Mexico. He regularly taught real estate pre-license and post-license courses, and authored several of those courses.

Chuck was heavily involved with many organizations where he devoted his time to industry education and professionalism. He is past president of both the Northern Illinois Commercial Association of Realtors (NICAR) as well as the Northwest Suburban Association of Realtors (NSAR). He served on the Illinois Association of Realtors (IAR) Board of Directors, and was a past Chairman of the Streamwood Economic Development Commission.

During his career, Chuck had the distinction of being recognized by many organizations. In 1986, he was recognized as the **Realtor of the Year** by the Northwest Suburban Association of Realtors. In 2007, he received the **Realtor of the Year** award from the Realtor Association of Northwest Chicagoland, and in 2008 was the recipient of the **Realtor of the Year** award from the Northern Illinois Commercial Association of Realtors. In 2009, the Illinois Association of Realtors awarded him the **Political Involvement Member of the Year** award, and in 2010 the Illinois CCIM recognized him with an award for professionalism.

"Chuck not only wore many hats in his professional career but also in his personal life. Chuck was many things to many people - best friend and husband, brother, uncle, great uncle, good friend and neighbor, godfather, avid golfer, skier, scuba diver, great traveler - Australia to Turkey, Canada, Mexico and points in between. Most of all Chuck will be remembered for his great wit, humor and love of his wife, family and friends".

Chuck passed away on December 7, 2014. He is survived by his wife of 39 years, Kathy; his three sisters and one brother and proud uncle to seven nephews and four nieces.

