

CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS



College Scholarship

Guide

2014-2015

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Class of 2014

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Dartmouth College

Elisa Cruz

World Language High School
Class of 2014

\$480,000 in scholarship offers
University of Wisconsin-Madison

Jocelyn Herrera

Chicago Academy High School
Class of 2014

\$774,000 in scholarship offers
Knox College



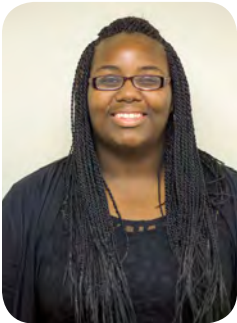
CPS Class of 2014 Scholarship Winners' Advice:



Nino Aishou - Received over \$2.4 million in scholarship offers

Rickover Naval Academy, Northwestern University, Computer Science Major

"I would advise students to apply for FAFSA early so that they could get federal money. For private scholarships, I would advise them to talk to their counselor or find them online and have the counselor help them with the process EARLY. The earlier the better. Also, keep track of scholarships applied to and have checklists for each respective deadline."



Jessica Winters - Received over \$1.9 million in scholarship offers

Kenwood Academy, Dartmouth College, Undeclared Major

"I would tell current high school students to take advantage of every opportunity. You will have to sacrifice a lot, but the rewards will be worth it. The best feeling I ever had was being able to turn down a scholarship from a college because I knew I had something better."



Thomas Poole - Received over \$400,000 in scholarship offers

Chicago HS for Agricultural Sciences, University of Illinois - Urbana/Champaign, Crop Sciences Major

"The college/scholarship application process is one that guarantees a few headaches, but many rewards. My main word of advice is to ALWAYS keep an open mind about opportunities. Don't decide not to go for something because you feel the slightest bit of doubt. The only exception is if you know 100% that you have NO WAY of reaping some sort of reward."



Hector Lopez - CPS Dream Fund and Illinois Dream Fund winner

Brooks College Prep, Harold Washington College, Mathematics Major

"I would tell current high school students to be realistic. Dreaming is really easy, but the cost of college can be very frightening. Students should know their budget, what can they afford, have plan A, B, C, etc. They CANNOT wait last minute to do everything; the early bird catches the worm, literally."



Dear students, parents, guardians and school-based staff:

The School Counseling and Postsecondary Advising Department of Chicago Public Schools' (CPS) Office of College and Career Success is pleased to provide you with the 2014-2015 CPS College Scholarship Guide. This guide serves as a resource to help CPS students develop realistic college financial plans.

The Facts:

Chicago Public Schools is the nation's third largest urban school district serving almost 400,000 students with approximately 85% of them coming from low-income families. According to a report released last October by the College Board, the average overall cost of attendance at an in-state public 4-year university is approximately \$18,391 and the average overall cost of attendance at a public out-of-state 4-year university is \$30,704.

CPS College Enrollment:

The district's college enrollment rate is currently 57.2%. In order to optimize this percentage, it is imperative that we ensure all college-bound CPS students have a comprehensive college and career plan that includes a solid financial plan to cover the cost of college attendance.

College Affordability:

Paying for college can be a daunting task. As you are in the college planning process, make sure you consider the colleges' cost of attendance, graduation rate, and student loan default rate by using the U.S. Department of Education's College Scorecard website: <http://www.collegecost.ed.gov/scorecard/index.aspx>. Many highly selective private institutions offer generous financial aid to families whose household income is within certain limits.

The Importance of Scholarships:

The CPS class of 2014 received over \$798 million dollars in scholarship offers. Many of these students would not have been able to attend college without scholarships. In order for students to cover the cost of college attendance without over-reliance on student loans, we encourage them to use this guide to identify scholarships and create a plan for success.

- CPS 6th-12th grade students should access the district's new online scholarship application tool called *Academic Works*. CPS students will be able to apply for several CPS Strategic Scholarships online. The system is scheduled to go live during the last week of October. Students must use their CPS Active Directory Credentials (i.e., CPS Username & Password) to login to the system. Students may obtain this information from their counselor. The website is https://cps.academicworks.com/users/sign_in
- Many colleges and universities provide their own scholarships. Be sure to visit the colleges' financial aid websites and enter the word "scholarships" in the search box. You should be able to find out about the merit, need, talent and programmatic scholarships that are available to incoming freshmen.
- This guide contains a list of scholarships than many CPS students have previously won. We strongly encourage you to activate your *CPS Academic Works* account and search for scholarships. Other resources include scholarship books at the library, working with your counselors, teachers, and college and career coaches at your school to help you find a scholarship that matches your profile.

We wish you the best in your college and scholarship searches.

Sincerely,

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Elementary School Scholarships and Programs



Kristian Walker, McDade Classical School, 2014 Carson Fund Scholarship Winner, 6th grade

Scholarship/Program Name	Deadline	Award Amount
Carson Fund Scholarship http://carsonscholars.org/scholarships/faqs Grades 4-11	January	\$1,000
Jean Baptiste Pointe DuSable Commemoration Essay Competition https://cps.academicworks.com/opportunities/92 Grades 3,4 & 5	January	Prize: Kindle Fires, iPads, U.S. Savings Bonds
Jack Kent Cooke Young Scholars Program http://bit.ly/JackKentCookeProgram Grade 7	March	Free summer program
Kohl's Cares Scholarship http://bit.ly/KohlsScholarshipProgram Ages: 6-12 & 13-18	March	\$50-\$10,000
Money Smart Kid Essay Contest https://cps.academicworks.com/opportunities/71 Grades: 5-8	March	\$2,500-5,000
The Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes http://barronprize.org/how-nominate *ages 8-18	April	\$5,000
Just The Beginning Foundation Middle School Law Camp https://cps.academicworks.com/opportunities/566 Grades: Middle school	May	Free summer program
IIT Computer Discovery Camp* http://bit.ly/IITComputerCamp Grades: 7-9	Spring	Summer program for middle school girls
The Saturday Enrichment Program (SEP)* http://www.ctd.northwestern.edu/sep/about/ Ages: 4-Grade 9	Fall/Winter/ Spring	Seasonal program

* A limited number of need-based scholarships are available to cover program cost

Scholarship Tips

For Students, Parents and Guardians

CPS 6-12th grade Students Need to Activate their *CPS Academic Works* Scholarship Accounts

- CPS 6-12th graders should activate their ***CPS Academic Works*** Scholarship Accounts. *CPS Academic Works* is the district's web-based scholarship application and scholarship research tool. There are over 180 scholarships in the system that students can access. Students can apply online directly to approximately 32 CPS Strategic Scholarships in the tool.
- **To activate your *CPS Academic Works* Account**, go to :https://cps.academicworks.com/users/sign_in. You will need to obtain your CPS Active Directory Account/User Name and Password and your CPS e-mail address from your counselor or college and career coach. CPS Charter School students need to contact their schools' IMPACT Designee to obtain this information. The system goes live October 27, 2014

Beware of Scams

- Legitimate scholarship providers do not charge application fees and do not charge you a fee to "pick up" your scholarship.
- NEVER respond to emails requesting your social security number.
- Do NOT pay any person or company to research scholarships for you.
- After you apply to college, ask the Financial Aid Director about institutional scholarships.
- When in doubt talk to a counselor or teacher.

Research

- Use online search tools and sign up for free email alerts.
- Find out if your parents or guardians' employers offer scholarships.
- Check with local businesses in your neighborhood, local alumni clubs of college offer scholarships.
- Find the scholarships for which you are eligible.

Renewable/Non renewable

- Know if the scholarship is renewable. If so, you may have to meet certain criteria and complete a process for renewing the scholarship each year. Find out the requirements and keep any paperwork related to them for your records.

Master Schedule

- Maintain a scholarship calendar or assignment notebook.

Essays

- Nearly every scholarship application requires essays. Allow plenty of time for drafts and ask your English teacher or another teacher or mentor to give you feedback. Answer the question and allow for at least three drafts.
- Write online applications in Word. Copy and paste online essays after proofing.

Recommendations

- Find out if counselors or teachers have a process or forms you must complete or request system for requesting recommendations.
- Provide your recommender with a stamped addressed envelope.
- Send a thank you note to your recommender.

Scholarship Deadlines

- Verify the deadline with the scholarship provider. Missing a deadline is the easiest way to disqualify your application and all of your hard work will be for nothing.
- Verify if deadline is a due date or a postmark date.

Tracking

- Mail your scholarship applications and follow up.
- Call or email to confirm your application was received and when winner(s) will be notified.
- Make copies of every application you submit.

Web Resources for College and Career Planning

College Admission Types:

<http://bit.ly/CampusExplorer>

http://www.nacacnet.org/research/PublicationsResources/Marketplace/Documents/GCAP2011_Web.pdf

Standardized Tests: ACT and SAT:

<http://www.actstudent.org/faq/what.html>

<http://sat.collegeboard.com/why-sat>

Grade Point Average Calculator:

<http://www.back2college.com/gpa.htm>

College Search:

www.chooseyourfuture.org/choosing-a-college

www.whatsnextillinois.org

www.cappex.com

www.collegeboard.com

<http://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/>

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/get-in/applying>

Estimate the Cost Of Attendance (U.S. Department of Education's Net Price Calculator):

<http://www.collegecost.ed.gov/netpricecenter.aspx>

U.S. Department of Education's College Scorecard*:

<http://www.collegecost.ed.gov/scorecard/index.aspx>

*This is one of the best tools to help you estimate the cost of attendance and obtain graduation rates!

FAFSA Forecaster (estimate the amount of federal student aid you're eligible to receive):

<https://fafsa.ed.gov/>

Federal Application For Free Student Aid (FAFSA) (Seniors should file on January 1st or soon after!): www.fafsa.ed.gov

Scholarships:

<https://cps.academicworks.com/>

www.chooseyourfuture.org/scholarships (Scholarship information for Chicago Public Schools students)

www.fastweb.com (Scholarships listed on the U.S. Department of Education's Scholarship Site)

www.isac.org/students/during-college/types-of-financial-aid/scholarships/index.html (State of Illinois Scholarships)

www.illinoisdreamfund.org/ (Illinois Dream Fund Scholarship For Undocumented Students)

www.cappex.com

www.petersons.com/college-search/scholarship-search.aspx

Article on higher college tuition rates: <http://money.cnn.com/2012/10/24/pf/college/public-college-tuition/index.html>

Money Management:

Junior Achievement: <http://studentcenter.ja.org/Money/Pages/default.aspx>

FDIC Money Smart* Free On-line Program: <http://www.fdic.gov/consumers/consumer/moneysmart/mscbi/mscbi.html>

Pew Foundation Report on student loans:

<http://www.pewsocialtrends.org/2012/09/26/a-record-one-in-five-households-now-owe-student-loan-debt/>

Career Search Websites:

Junior Achievement: <http://studentcenter.ja.org>

Entrepreneurship: <http://studentcenter.ja.org/Business/Pages/default.aspx>

Resume Builders:

https://secure.whatsnextillinois.org/Career_Planning/Get_a_Job/Resume_Builder/Resume_Builder.aspx

Chicago Public Schools Strategic Scholarships

The scholarships below are either targeted for CPS, Chicago, or Illinois students They may also be monitored by the CPS Scholarship Coordinator and/or our School Counseling Specialists. **Note:** Not all scholarships in pages 9-10 are detailed in this guide.

Scholarship/Program Name	Deadline	Award Amount
Women in Public Finance Scholarship	August	Amount of \$1,000 to \$2,000
Quest Bridge National Match Program	September	Varies-Full tuition and room and board
WTS Transportation YOU High School Scholarship	November	\$1,000
Dolores Saxton-Walker Scholarship	November	\$3,000
CPS Siemens HBCU Scholarship Program	November	Partial tuition to full tuition and room and board
Comcast Leaders and Achievers	December	\$1,000
Golden Apple Scholars	December	Full tuition assistance plus summer stipend
Greenhouse Scholars	December	\$5,000
Carson Fund Scholarship	January	\$1,000 (Elementary and high school students grades 4-11)
Charles Scholarship at Davidson University	December	Full cost of attendance
Chicago Scholars	January	Educational program
IIT Collens Scholars	January	Varies up to \$40,000
Diamond Dove Achievement Award	January	\$500 -\$1,000
Gates Millennium Scholarship	January	Full tuition, room and board, and personal expenses
University of Illinois at Chicago PAP Award	January	\$5,000 a year for 4 years (8 semesters)
Tuskegee Airmen Scholarship	January	\$1,500
Alpha Gamma Pi Sorority Scholarship	February	Three scholarships: \$1, 000 and \$2,500
Chicago Summer Business Institute	February	Paid summer internship
George Pullman Foundation Scholarship	February	\$200 to \$4,000
Illinois Dream Fund	February	Up to \$2,000 (2 year colleges) Up to \$6,000 (4-year colleges)
IIT Boeing Scholars Academy	January	Educational Program
One Million Degrees Scholarship	February	Last dollar tuition assistance plus a \$750 need-based stipend
University of Chicago Collegiate Scholars Program	February	College-prep exposure
CME Mayoral Award for Students	March	\$1,000
Chicago Public Schools UNCF Scholarship	March	Up to \$10,000 based on need
City Treasurers Black History Month Essay	March	\$1,000
AKA Imani Pearls Scholarship	March	\$1,000
Education for Excellence Scholarship	March	\$1,000
Ernest Wentcher Educational Scholarship	March	\$7,500 per year
Gread "Lefty" McKinnis Scholarship	March	\$1,000
National Hook-Up of Black Women	March	Two scholarships: \$1,000 and \$500
Phi Beta Kappa Chicagoland Area	March	\$5,000
Delta Sigma Theta - Chicago Alumnae Chapter	April	Up to \$4,000
Chicago Engineers Foundation	April	\$800 per year
CPS UNCF Scholarship	April	up to \$10,000 per year
Edward G. Irvin Scholarship	April	\$1,250 per year
One Million Degrees Scholarship	April	Tuition plus stipend
Society of Women Engineers Scholarship	April	\$1,500
Doty E. Nash Scholarship	April	\$1,000
William J. Cook Fund Scholarship	April	Award ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000
Chicago Coalition for the Homeless Scholarship	May	\$2,000
Nordstrom Scholarship	May	\$2,500 per year
CPS Dream Fund Scholarship	June	Varies
DePaul Sid Feldman Legacy Fund	June	Varies: Partial-full tuition
Monsignor Egan Hope Scholarship (DePaul)	Spring	\$15,500
C-CAP Cooking Competition	Rolling	Varies up to full tuition
Northwestern Good Neighbor, Great University	Varies	May range from \$1,000 to \$12,300

Scholarship Opportunities for DREAMers*

The majority of the listed scholarships are open to all U.S. citizens, however a few are exclusively for DREAMers.

*A DREAMer is defined as a non-U.S. citizen or permanent resident high school student who qualifies for in-state college tuition under the Illinois' HB-60 State Legislation and who will benefit from the Illinois DREAM Act, a provision that supports children of immigrants in Illinois signed by Governor Pat Quinn in 2011.

Scholarship/Program Name	Deadline	Website
Dr. King Scholarship Initiative	August	http://www.icdhr.com/
Que Llueva Café Scholarship for Undocumented Students	September	http://bit.ly/QueLluevaCafeScholarship
Questbridge National Match Program	September	http://bit.ly/QuestBridgeCollegeMatch
The Dream.US Scholarship	October	http://www.thedream.us/scholars/scholarship-guidelines/
Dr. Juan Andrade Scholarship for Young Hispanic Leaders	November	www.uskli.org/student/scholarship.php
Charles Scholarship	January	http://bit.ly/CharlesScholarship
100 BMA: Future Leader Scholarship	February	http://www.100bmc.org/
Chicago (DODO) Chapter of Tuskegee Airmen, Inc.	February	http://www.taichicago.org
LeTendre Education Fund Scholarship	February	http://bit.ly/LeTendreScholarship
NAAIA Chicago Scholarship	February	http://www.naaia.org
National Peace Essay Contest	February	www.usip.org/npec
Northeastern Illinois University Presidential Scholarship	February	http://bit.ly/NEIUScholarships
Posse Foundation Scholarship	February	http://www.possefoundation.org/
Chicago Urban League Scholarship	March	http://www.thechicagourbanleague.org/
The Colonel Henry Crown Scholarship Fund	March	http://bit.ly/JuniorAchievementScholarship
Education for Excellence Scholarship	March	http://www.educate4excel.org/apply/apply.html
Foster Care to Success	March	http://bit.ly/FosterCaretoSuccessScholarship
Harrison Fellowship (National Lewis University)	March	http://www.nl.edu/harrisonfellows/
QuestBridge College Prep Scholarship	March	http://bit.ly/QuestBridgeCollegePrep
Chicago Dia de Los Niños (CDDLN)	April	http://www.chicagodiadelosninos.com/
Nordstrom Scholarship	May	http://shop.nordstrom.com/c/nordstrom-cares-scholarship
IPLAC Educational Foundation Scholarship	May	http://www.iplac.org/
Junior Achievement of Chicago Scholarship	May	http://www.jachicago.org/
Korean Resource Center: Dream Scholarship Fund	May	http://nakasec.org/blog/2859
La Casa Student Housing Scholarship	May	www.lacasastudenthousing.org
Abbott and Fenner Scholarship	June	http://www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.htm
Car Outlet Community Scholarship	June	http://drivingsuccessscholarship.com/
CPS Dream Fund Scholarship	June	http://bit.ly/CPSDREAMFundScholarship
Edward and Shirley Calahan Scholarship Fund	June	www.calahanfoudnation.org
Latinos Progresando Dr. Angela Perez Miller Scholarship	June	http://latinospro.org/
Guadalupe A. Reyes Fiesta Del Sol Scholarship	July	http://fiestadelsol.org/scholarship/
High School Senior Scholarship	Rolling	http://www.cicil.net/highschoolscholarshipapplication.aspx
City Colleges of Chicago Scholarships	Varies	http://www.ccc.edu/services/Pages/Scholarships.aspx

Educational Resources for Students with Diverse Learning Needs

Scholarship Name + Website	Award Amount	Deadline
The Anne Ford Scholarship http://bit.ly/NCLDScholarships	\$2,500/year over four years	December 31st
Shire ADHD Scholarship Program www.shireadhd scholarship.com	\$2,000 monetary award and a prepaid year of ADHD coaching	March 19th
Smart Kids with Learning Disabilities Youth Achievement Award http://bit.ly/SmartKidsScholarship	\$1,000	January 31st
Anne & Matt Harbison Scholarship http://bit.ly/MossFoundation	\$1,500	March 31st
P. Buckley Moss Endowed Scholarship http://bit.ly/MossFoundation	\$1,500+	March 31st
Through the Looking Glass Scholarship www.lookingglass.org/services/	\$1,000	mid-March
Americorps www.americorps.gov/	Education award varies depending on amount of hours served	Varies

* Must be a *current* college student (graduating high school seniors ineligible)

College Funding Sources: Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Plan for Achieving Self Support (PASS)

SSI is a program that pays monthly benefits to people with low incomes and limited assets who are sixty-five years of age or older, are blind, or have other disabilities. Children can qualify if they meet Social Security's definition of disability for SSI children and if their income and assets fall within the eligibility limits.

The Social Security Administration may also approve a Plan for Achieving Self Support (PASS), in which a student is able to set aside income and resources that are being used toward a specific vocational goal (such as college tuition) and still receive SSI payments. However, be aware that earnings from employment may affect SSI benefits.

For more information on SSI and PASS, contact your local Social Security Administration office or consult www.ssa.gov/disability/.

Midwest College Programs for Students with Learning Disabilities

Program Name	Website
Harper College: Career Skills Institute	http://bit.ly/HarperCollegeResources
Elmhurst College: ELSA	http://public.elmhurst.edu/elsa
National Louis P.A.C.E	http://www.nl.edu/t4/pace/
University of Iowa R.E.A.C.H	http://www.education.uiowa.edu/services/reach/home
Indiana University, Bloomington: College Internship Program (CIP)	http://bit.ly/IndianaUniversityCIP

What's Next Illinois is a web-based high school, college and career planning tool that CPS sixth-through twelfth grade students can use to create successful plans for life.



HIGH SCHOOL PLANNING

- ✦ Use the **High School Planning Timeline** to make sure you are on track for graduation from elementary and high school.
- ✦ The **High School Planning Timeline** also provides information about free summer, college prep and career programs for CPS students!
- ✦ 6th, 7th & 8th graders can search for CPS high schools based on programs and admission requirements.

COLLEGE PLANNING

- ✦ **School Finder** allows searches of thousands of postsecondary options using the characteristics that are important to you
- ✦ **Test Prep** allows you to use **free** on-line ACT, SAT, PSAT and GRE test preparation software. If you are trying to get into a good college, you will be able to prepare for the test as early as 7th grade!
- ✦ **Applications & Transcripts** allows students to complete practice electronic college applications. Seniors can complete, send and track electronic college applications.

CAREER PLANNING

- ✦ Search for careers based on criteria such as education level required, annual salary, level of education required.
- ✦ **Resume Builder** helps you create winning resumes
- ✦ **Cover Letter & Thank You Letter Builders** help you create professional documents.
- ✦ Career Planning also includes interviewing tips, and many other job search aids.

FINANCIAL AID PLANNING

- ✦ Search for scholarships (over 5,000)
- ✦ Learn about financial aid—grants, loans, work study and more!
- ✦ Utilize EFC, college savings and student loan calculators to learn how to finance your college education!

YOUR PORTFOLIO

- ✦ Learn how to set/create short, mid-range and long term goals
- ✦ Upload up to 30 megabytes of text, audio and video files to your portfolio

GET STARTED TODAY!

1. Go to: www.whatsnextillinois.org

2. **Enter Account Name:**
cps & studentID#
(ex. cps12345678)

3. **Enter Password:**
cps & studentID#
(ex. cps12345678)

4. **Click "Sign In"** then follow the steps to activate your account



12th Grade Individual Learning Plan (ILP)

The purpose of this ILP is to help students learn how to track, monitor and adjust their academic, career and social emotional goals in order to graduate from high school prepared for success in their chosen college and career.

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ School Name: _____

ACT Composite: _____ English: _____ Math: _____ Reading: _____ Science: _____ GPA: Unweighted: _____ Weighted: _____

Top Three College ACT average scores (Freshman Profile)	Does the college offer the major that leads to my career interest?	Annual Cost of Attendance http://collegecost.ed.gov/netpricecenter.aspx
College Name: _____ Average Freshman ACT Score: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, Major: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> No	Tuition: \$ _____ Room & Board: \$ _____
College Name: _____ Average Freshman ACT Score: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, Major: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> No	Tuition: \$ _____ Room & Board: \$ _____
College Name: _____ Average Freshman ACT Score: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, Major: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> No	Tuition: \$ _____ Room & Board: \$ _____

Postsecondary Planning

Date you applied to your top three colleges	Date you completed the EFC Calculator	List three scholarships that you applied for	Delaying college to work?
College Name: _____ Date Applied: _____ Month Day Year	Month Day Year What is your EFC? \$ _____ Complete EFC Calculator in <i>What's Next Illinois</i> <i>*EFC is the expected family contribution. It is the amount of money the U.S. Department of Education says that your family has to contribute to the cost of attending college.</i>	Scholarship Name: _____ Amount: \$ _____ Renewable? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Won Scholarship? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, how long? _____ <input type="checkbox"/> No
College Name: _____ Date Applied: _____ Month Day Year		Scholarship Name: _____ Amount: \$ _____ Renewable? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Won Scholarship? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Delaying college to pursue Gap Year Program? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, Program Name: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> No
College Name: _____ Date Applied: _____ Month Day Year		Scholarship Name: _____ Amount: \$ _____ Renewable? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Won Scholarship? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Delaying college for military? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, which branch: <input type="checkbox"/> Army <input type="checkbox"/> Air Force <input type="checkbox"/> Navy <input type="checkbox"/> Marines <input type="checkbox"/> No

1st Semester Meeting Deadline: December 15th 1st Semester ILP Meeting Date: _____

ILP Meeting Date: _____ Student kept appointment? Yes No, Date rescheduled: _____

Student's IEP Reviewed?: Yes No Not Applicable

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Counselor/Teacher/Coach Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:

Credit Bearing Requirements Students must earn a minimum of 24 credits as described below to earn a diploma from the Chicago Public Schools.

Subject	Description	Credits Earned 1 st Semester	Grade Earned 1 st Semester	Credits earned 2 nd Semester	Grade Earned 2 nd Semester	Total Credits Required for Graduation
English	English I, English II, English III, English IV.	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	4
Mathematics	Algebra, Geometry, Advanced Algebra/Trigonometry. (Students successfully completing Algebra and/or Geometry prior to entering high school will follow an appropriate three-year math sequence.)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	3
Science	Biology and 2 years of Laboratory Science, which must include Chemistry, Earth and Space Science, Environmental Science, or Physics.	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	3
Social Science	World Studies, United States History, and one other Social Science course.	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	3
World Language	Two years of the same world language.	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	2
Fine Arts	One year of Music and one year of Art or Drafting.	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	2
Physical Education	One year of Physical Education I/Health or ROTC I/Health and Physical Education II/Drivers Education or ROTC II/Drivers Education in 9th and 10th grades.	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	2
Career Education ROTC Advanced Academics	CTE programs, advanced academic/fine arts options or ROTC III, ROTC IV.	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	2
Electives	Selection of an additional three courses not already listed above.	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	3

Non-Credit Bearing Requirements

Subject	Description	Requirements Met?
Service Learning	Forty hours of approved Service-Learning activities including at least one classroom based project. Twenty hours must be completed by the end of tenth grade.	<input type="checkbox"/> Complete <input type="checkbox"/> Incomplete
Consumer Education	Complete a course integrating consumer education curriculum.	<input type="checkbox"/> Complete <input type="checkbox"/> Incomplete
Public Law 195	Demonstrate knowledge of U.S. and Illinois constitutions as part of subject-area curricula and/or Constitution test.	<input type="checkbox"/> Complete <input type="checkbox"/> Incomplete
PSAE	Public Act 93857 requires students to take the Prairie State Achievement Examination (PSAE) as a condition for receiving a regular high school diploma.	<input type="checkbox"/> Complete <input type="checkbox"/> Incomplete
Remediation	In order to graduate from CPS, all students must meet the credit and non-credit bearing requirements. Students who don't meet credit-bearing requirements must make them up in evening or summer school or through on-line classes.	<input type="checkbox"/> Student met all grade-level requirements <input type="checkbox"/> Student did <u>not</u> meet all grade-level requirements

<p>Colleges Admissions (List colleges that you were admitted to)</p> <p>College Name: <input type="text"/></p> <p>Date Admitted: <input type="text"/></p> <p>College Name: <input type="text"/></p> <p>Date Admitted: <input type="text"/></p> <p>College Name: <input type="text"/></p> <p>Date Admitted: <input type="text"/></p>	<p>Date you applied for Financial aid (completed FAFSA):</p> <p><input type="text"/></p> <p>Month Day Year</p> <p>Did you include <u>all</u> colleges you applied to on the FAFSA?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Were you selected for Verification*?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, Did you complete the process? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><small>*Verification means you have to "verify" your family income by providing documents that "prove" your family's income. You will receive notification from U.S. Department of Education (FAFSA) or the college if you are selected for the Verification process. You must immediately take care of this if you are selected.</small></p>	<p>Date you compared financial aid award letters of top three colleges:</p> <p><input type="text"/></p> <p>Month Day Year</p> <p>Financial Aid for College You Will Attend:</p> <p>Pell Grant \$ <input type="text"/></p> <p>Map Grant \$ <input type="text"/></p> <p>Stafford Loans \$ <input type="text"/></p> <p>Plus Loans \$ <input type="text"/></p> <p>Institutional Aid \$ <input type="text"/></p>	<p>Indicate which college you sent your enrollment deposit/application. (Note: May 1st is National Decision Day)</p> <p>College Name: <input type="text"/></p> <p>Do you have enough financial aid to cover the cost of attendance?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
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2nd Semester Meeting Deadline: **June 1st** ILP Meeting Date: Student kept appointment? Yes No

Student's IEP Reviewed?: Yes No Not Applicable

Student Signature: Date:

Counselor/Teacher/Coach Signature: Date:

Parent/Guardian Signature: Date:

FEDERAL STUDENT GRANT PROGRAMS

StudentAid.gov

The federal government provides grant funds for students attending colleges, career schools, and universities. Grants, unlike loans, do not have to be repaid. The major federal student grant programs are briefly described below.

Federal Grant Program	Program Details	Annual Award (subject to change)
Federal Pell Grant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Awarded to undergraduate students who have exceptional financial need and who have not earned a bachelor's or graduate degree; in some cases, however, students enrolled in a postbaccalaureate teacher certification program might receive a Federal Pell Grant Federal Pell Grant lifetime eligibility is limited to 12 semesters or the equivalent 	Up to \$5,730
Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Awarded to undergraduate students who have exceptional financial need and who have not earned a bachelor's or graduate degree Federal Pell Grant recipients receive priority Not all colleges participate in the FSEOG program Funds depend on availability at the college; apply by your college's deadline 	Up to \$4,000
Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For undergraduate, postbaccalaureate, or graduate students who are or will be taking coursework necessary to become elementary or secondary teachers Must agree to serve, for a minimum of four years (within eight years of completing academic program), as a full-time teacher in a high-need field in a school or educational service agency that serves low-income students Must attend a participating college and meet certain academic achievement requirements Failure to complete the teaching service commitment will result in the grant being converted to a Direct Unsubsidized Loan that must be repaid 	Up to \$4,000
Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For students whose parent or guardian was a member of the U.S. armed forces and died as a result of performing military service in Iraq or Afghanistan after the events of 9/11 Must be ineligible for a Federal Pell Grant due only to having less financial need than is required to receive Pell funds Must have been less than 24 years old or enrolled at least part-time at an institution of higher education at the time of the parent's or guardian's death 	Up to \$5,311.71 For grants first disbursed on or after Oct. 1, 2014, and before Oct. 1, 2015

Looking for more sources of free money? Try StudentAid.gov/scholarships for tips on where to look and for a link to a free online scholarship search.

FEDERAL STUDENT LOAN PROGRAMS

What kinds of federal student loans are available?

Federal Loan Program	Loan Details (subject to change)	Annual Award (subject to change)
Federal Perkins Loan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For undergraduate and graduate students Eligibility depends on student's financial need and availability of funds at the college Interest is 5% College is the lender; payment is owed to the college that made the loan 	Undergraduate students: up to \$5,500; graduate and professional students: up to \$8,000 Total amount may not exceed \$27,500 for undergraduates and \$60,000 for graduate students (including amounts borrowed as an undergraduate)
Direct Subsidized Loan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For undergraduate students who are enrolled at least half-time* and demonstrate financial need Interest is 6.8% for loans made on or after July 1, 2013 (lower rates may apply to loans made before this date) Student is not charged interest on the loan while in school at least half-time and during deferment periods The U.S. Department of Education (ED) is the lender; payment is owed to ED 	\$3,500–\$5,500, depending on grade level For total lifetime limit, go to StudentAid.gov/sub-unsub
Direct Unsubsidized Loan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For undergraduate and graduate students who are enrolled at least half-time*; financial need is not required Interest is 6.8% Student is responsible for interest during all periods ED is the lender; payment is owed to ED 	\$5,500–\$20,500 (less any subsidized amounts received for same period), depending on grade level and dependency status For total lifetime limit, go to StudentAid.gov/sub-unsub
Direct PLUS Loan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For parent of dependent undergraduate students and for graduate or professional students; financial need is not required Student must be enrolled at least half-time* and must be either a dependent undergraduate student for whom a parent is taking out a Direct PLUS Loan or a graduate or professional student who is receiving a Direct PLUS Loan Interest is 7.9% Parent of dependent undergraduate student must not have adverse credit history Borrower must not have negative credit history Borrower is responsible for interest during all periods ED is the lender; payment is owed to ED 	Maximum amount is cost of attendance minus any other financial aid student receives; no minimum amount

September

Scholarship Name: Chick Evans Caddie Scholarship

Website: <http://www.wgaesf.org>

Application: http://www.wgaesf.org/site/c.dwJTKiO0Jgl8G/b.7512567/k.47CB/Evans_Scholarship_Application.htm

Scholarship Description: Each year, more than 840 caddies attend college on full tuition and housing grants from the Evans Scholars Foundation. Must have caddied for a minimum of two years at a Western Golf Association member club, rank in the top quarter of class, have an outstanding personal character, and demonstrate financial need. Candidates must apply to the Evans Scholars university(ies) listed for their state. Illinois residents are expected to apply to a minimum of two universities listed.

The following schools are eligible for Illinois residents: University of Illinois (Champaign); Northern Illinois University (DeKalb); Northwestern University (Evanston); Marquette University (Milwaukee, WI); Indiana University (Bloomington, IN); Miami University (Oxford, OH)

Scholarship Award Amount: Varies; full tuition and housing **Renewable:** Yes **Number of Years Renewable:** 4

Scholarship Qualifications: Strong caddie record: Applicants must have caddied, successfully and regularly, for a minimum of two years and also expected to caddie and/or work at their sponsoring club during the summer when they apply for the scholarship.

- Excellent academics: Applicants must have completed their junior year of high school with above a B average in college preparatory courses and are required to take the ACT.
- Demonstrated financial need: Applicants must clearly establish their need for financial assistance.
- Outstanding character: Applicants must be outstanding in character, integrity and leadership.

Required Documentation: High school evaluation (along with an official transcript, including overall GPA, rank in class if available, and standardized test scores) and the high school letter of recommendation.

- Caddie evaluation and the club letter of recommendation.
- Official financial documentation including a copy of parents' most recent federal tax return and the required College Scholarship Service Financial Aid Profile. The Evans Scholars Foundation code for the College Scholarship Service Financial Aid Profile is 0153.

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: September 30, 2014 (Preferred completion date)

Scholarship Name: QuestBridge National College Match Program

Website: <http://www.questbridge.org/for-students/ncm-national-college-match>

Application: apply.questbridge.org/apply

Scholarship Description: The QuestBridge National College Match helps outstanding low-income high school seniors gain admission and full four-year scholarships to some of the nation's most selective colleges.

Scholarship Award Amount: QuestBridge's partner colleges offer generous financial aid packages that cover 100% of demonstrated financial need, making them very affordable for low-income students.

Renewable: N/A

Scholarship Qualifications: Applicants must graduate from high school during or before the spring/summer of 2015 and plan to enroll as a freshman in college in the fall of 2015. We do not have absolute criteria for GPA, standardized test scores, or income. When selecting finalists for the National College Match, we try to answer the following questions:

"Does this student have the motivation and academic ability to thrive at one of our partner colleges?"

"Has this student overcome socioeconomic obstacles to achieve academic excellence?"

Required Documentation: Online application (including detailed academic and financial information, two essays, and several short answer questions), transcript, test score reports, two teacher recommendations, and Secondary School Report (counselor recommendation)

Open to DREAMers: Yes

Scholarship Deadline: September 26, 2014

October

Scholarship Name: City Colleges of Chicago Scholarships

Website/Application: <http://www.ccc.edu/services/Pages/Scholarships.aspx>

Scholarship Description: Scholarship opportunities are administered according to the availability of funds within the City Colleges of Chicago Foundation. Awards are based on a student's academic achievements, individual goals, and recommendations.

Scholarship Award Amount: Varies **Renewable:** Varies

Scholarship Qualifications: Must be admitted to one of the City Colleges of Chicago.

Open to DREAMers: Yes. Some CCC Foundation Scholarships are open to DREAMers. Consult website for details.

Scholarship Deadline: Rolling deadlines. You must check the website on a monthly basis. The General Scholarship Deadline is 7/15.

Scholarship Name: Coca-Cola Foundation Scholarship

Website: <http://bit.ly/CocaColaScholarsProgram>

Scholarship Description: The Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation supports over 1,400 college students each year, with annual scholarships of \$3.4 million. Additional Requirements: Applicants may NOT be children or grandchildren of employees, officers or owners of Coca-Cola bottling companies, The Coca-Cola Company, company divisions or subsidiaries.

Scholarship Award Amount: Varies **Renewable:** Yes **Number of Years Renewable:** 4

Scholarship Qualifications: Current high school (or home-schooled) seniors attending school in the United States (or select DoD schools)

- U.S. Citizens; U.S. Nationals; U.S. Permanent Residents; Temporary Residents (in a legalization program); Refugees; Asylees; Cuban-Haitian Entrants; or Humanitarian Parolees
- Anticipating completion of high school diploma at the time of application
- Planning to pursue a degree at an accredited U.S. post-secondary institution
- Have a minimum 3.00 GPA at the end of their junior year of high school

Required Documentation: Online Application

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: October 31, 2014

Scholarship Name: Horatio Alger Association Scholarship

Website: <https://www.horatioalger.org/scholarships/apply.cfm>

Application: <https://www.horatioalger.org/scholarships/newapplicants.cfm>

Scholarship Description: While many aid programs are directed primarily to recognizing academic achievement or leadership potential, the Horatio Alger program also seeks students who have a commitment to use their college degrees in service to others.

Scholarship Award Amount: \$5,000 **Renewable:** No

Scholarship Qualifications:

Enrollment full time as a high school senior in the United States, progressing normally toward graduation in the Spring/Summer 2015, with plans to enter college no later than the fall following graduation.

- A strong commitment to pursuing and completing a bachelor's degree at an accredited institution located in the United States (students may start their studies at a two-year institution and then transfer to a four-year institution. Idaho, Louisiana, and Montana state scholarship recipients must pursue and complete a degree at specific colleges and universities. Please see the individual program description for those requirements).
- Critical financial need (\$55,000 or less adjusted gross income per family is preferred, if higher explanation must be provided).
- Involvement in co-curricular and community activities.
- Demonstrated integrity and perseverance in overcoming adversity .
- A minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0.
- United States Citizenship.

Required Documentation: High school transcript

- Support and verification form
- A copy of your parent/guardians federal tax return
- Required forms
- Certifications form

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: October 25, 2014

October

Scholarship Name: The Dream.US Scholarship

Website: <http://www.thedream.us/scholars/scholarship-guidelines/> **Application:** <https://www.scholarsapply.org/thedreamus>

Scholarship Description: TheDream.US is a national scholarship fund for DREAMers. We provide college scholarships to highly motivated DREAMers who have DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) or TPS (Temporary Protected Status) approval and who, without financial aid, cannot afford a college education that will enable them to participate in the American workforce.

Scholarship Award Amount: up to \$12,500 for community college and up to \$25,000 for four-year institutions

Renewable: Yes

Scholarship Qualifications:

- Be a first-time college student (i.e., a student with no more than 12 college credits excluding credits earned in a dual enrollment program or advance placement testing);
- Intend to enroll in and attend one of TheDream.US Partner Colleges in 2015 and be eligible for in-state tuition
- Have a high school un-weighted GPA of 2.5 or greater on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent GED score)
- Have been born on or after June 16, 1981 and have come to the United States before reaching your 16th birthday
- Be DACA or TPS eligible and have applied for or received DACA or TPS approval and
- Demonstrate significant unmet financial need

Required Documentation: Your application is not complete until all required documents are uploaded.

- DACA or TPS application or approval: A copy of your DACA or TPS approval letter or the receipt for your submission of your DACA or TPS OR TPS application
- A copy of the first two pages of your parents' most recently filed IRS Form 1040 or their most recent W-2 forms, if available; OR
- If you are financially independent, provide a copy of the first two pages of your most recently filed IRS Form 1040 or your most recent W-2 form, if available; OR
- Other financial documents that will verify your income.
- **Transcripts:** For first time college students, a copy of your official high school transcript or GED diploma and test scores and Information detailing your previously earned college credits (if applicable). For community college graduates, a copy of your official Community College transcript

Open to DREAMers: Yes

Scholarship Deadline: October 26, 2014 by 11:59 p.m. Central Standard Time (CST)

October

Scholarship Name: YoungArts Foundation

Website: <http://www.youngarts.org/apply>

Application: <https://app.getacceptd.com/youngarts>

Application: To apply to YoungArts you must meet the requirements, complete an online application, pay a \$35 (non-refundable) application fee (per category; fee waivers are available) and submit an online audition portfolio. Students may apply to more than one discipline/category.

Scholarship Description: YoungArts provides emerging artists (ages 15-18 or grades 10-12) with life-changing experiences with renowned mentors, access to significant scholarships, national recognition, and other opportunities throughout their careers to help ensure that the nation's most outstanding young artists are encouraged to pursue careers in the arts. Support is offered in ten artistic disciplines: cinematic arts, dance, design, jazz, music, photography, theater, visual arts, voice and writing.

Scholarship Award Amount: By applying to the YoungArts program winners are eligible for:

- Up to \$10,000 monetary award (total awarded each year is over \$500,000)
- Exclusive eligibility for recognition as a U.S. Presidential Scholar in the Arts
- Master classes with world-renowned artists
- Access to scholarships, career opportunities and professional contacts

Renewable: No

Scholarship Qualifications: Must be between the ages 15-18 or grades 10-12. Citizens or legal residents of the United States or U.S. territories who are age 15-18 on December 1, 2014, or in grades 10-12, may apply. International students who are studying in the U.S. on a student visa are eligible to apply. YoungArts reserves the right to extend eligibility on a case by case basis provided the applicant's birthdate falls within 90 days before or after the designated guidelines.

Required Documentation: Online application; Online audition portfolio

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: October, 17, 2014 at 11:59 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time) for both application and audition portfolio). Applicants will receive notification of their status via email by no later than the end of November and written confirmation by the end of December.

November

Scholarship Name: Dolores Saxton Walker Scholarship

Website: <http://affiliate.nmsdc.org/chicagomsdc/app/template/contentMgmt,ContentPage.vm/contentid/2815>

Application: <https://cps.academicworks.com/opportunities/44> (application will go live on October 27, 2014)

Scholarship Description: The scholarship will be awarded to high school seniors aspiring to be an entrepreneur or seeking a business major at a recognized college or university. Finalists will be contacted and invited to attend a special luncheon in December 2014.

Scholarship Award Amount: \$3,000 (Five awarded) **Renewable:** No

Scholarship Qualifications: 3.5 weighted cumulative GPA

- Graduating senior (June 2015) pursuing a career in business
- Ethnic minority
- Admitted and plan to enroll at a regionally accredited college or university in the Fall of 2015
- Must participate in an interview if selected as a finalist

Required Documentation: Completed application, transcript, resume (1-2 pages), college letter of acceptance

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: November 10, 2014

Scholarship Name: Illinois Conservation Foundation Scholarship

Website: <http://ilcf.org/scholarships>

Application: Will become available September 1, 2014

Scholarship Description: Scholarships will be awarded to juniors and seniors who have truly made significant contributions or exhibited unparalleled dedication in preserving, promoting, enhancing or supporting Illinois cultural resources. **Additional Requirements:** Must be nominated by a cultural resource constituency group, community leader, school administrator or teacher, or other adult mentor for volunteer efforts in support of the cultural resources of Illinois

Scholarship Award Amount: Three scholarships of \$2,000 each **Renewable:** No

Scholarship Qualifications: Senior in an Illinois high school during the year of the scholarship award Illinois resident

- Able to provide specific examples of voluntary, effective contributions to Illinois' natural resources throughout his/her high school enrollment
- Enrolling in a two- or four-year college or university program of study in the calendar year of his/her high school graduation
- In good standing at his/her high school and possess a 2.5 grade point average or better on a 4.0 scale (3.1 GPA or better on a 5.0 scale)

Required Documentation: Application

- A letter of support
- Two additional letters of support
- Media documentation of natural resources
- Verification of scholastic achievement
- A 500-word essay
- Acceptance letter from a two- or four-year college or university and your student identification number at that college or university

Open to DREAMers: Unknown

Scholarship Deadline: November 28, 2014

November

Scholarship Name: Siemens HBCU College Fair and Scholarship Reception

Website: <http://chooseyourfuture.org/resource/cps-siemens-hbcu-scholarships-program>

Application: <https://cps.academicworks.com/opportunities/29> (application will go live on October 27, 2014)

Scholarship Description: Siemens Industry Inc., and Chicago Public Schools have partnered for the past 10 years to host a two-event: a morning college fair featuring 30 Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) and a Scholarship Reception.

Scholarship Award Amount: Awards range from partial tuition scholarships up to full-tuition, room, board and stipend

Renewable: Yes

Scholarship Qualifications: Chicago Public Schools Senior (class of 2015)

- Minimum weighted grade point average of 3.0
- Minimum ACT score of 20 or higher
- Desire to attend an HBCU
- Students selected to participate will be notified by letter or by their counselor
- Note: some HBCU's require the writing portion of the ACT and an unweighted GPA of 3.0. HBCU's with these criteria will be noted in the academic works online application.

Required Documentation: Seniors (Class of 2015) are required to complete admission applications to a maximum of 7 of the participating HBCU's* by October 20, 2014

- You must meet all admission and scholarship requirements for each HBCU you apply to
- Complete the CPS Siemens Scholarship Application on Academic Works by October 31, 2014

Open to DREAMers: Possibly - each HBCU has its own policy of awarding scholarships

Event Date: Friday, November 14, 2014. Due to limited venue capacity, only the first 300 qualified applicants who complete the online Siemens application will be invited to attend the Scholarship Reception.

Scholarship Name: WTS Transportation YOU High School Scholarship

Website: <http://www.wtsinternational.org/greaterchicago/scholarships/>

Application: <https://cps.academicworks.com/opportunities/582> (application will go live on October 27, 2014)

Scholarship Description: WTS fosters the development of women and girls in the transportation field by encouraging bright new professionals and students to undertake careers in the area of transportation. One way it does this is by awarding the Transportation YOU High School Scholarship to girls pursuing high school studies in science, technology, engineering, and math.

Transportation YOU is a hands-on, interactive, mentoring program that offers young girls ages 13-18 an introduction to a wide variety of transportation careers. Through the Transportation YOU program and this scholarship, WTS chapters work to make a difference in the lives of young girls by offering opportunities and activities that will spark their interest in all modes of transportation and encourage them to take courses in math, science, and technology, which are the stepping stones to exciting careers that can change the face of the transportation industry.

Scholarship Award Amount: \$1,000

Scholarship Qualifications: Applicant must be a high school senior attending school in the Chicagoland area

- GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Currently studying math, science, and technology
- Considering a career in a transportation related field

Required Documentation: Applications must be submitted through local WTS chapters as typed Word documents. Scholarships are competitive and based on the applicant's specific transportation goals, academic record, and transportation-related activities or job skills. Chicago chapter awards will be presented at the annual awards banquet to be held in Chicago, IL in the Spring of 2015. National awards will be presented on May 21, 2015 at the annual WTS International Conference in Chicago, IL. If selected for a scholarship, attendance at the awards event is strongly recommended. Local chapters may have additional requirements, such as personal interviews or higher GPA. Please contact your local WTS chapter at the address listed below for specifics.

Open to DREAMers: Yes

Scholarship Deadline: November 3, 2014

December

Scholarship Name: Activ8 Scholarship

Website: <http://www.activ8chicago.com/#!scholarships/c243z>

Application: <http://bit.ly/Activ8ScholarshipApp> (opens October 13, 2014)

Scholarship Description: Activ8 provides scholarships to Latino students who demonstrate a financial need. Scholarship recipients will be required to provide proof of enrollment and financial need.

Scholarship Award Amount: \$1,500 (1st place), \$1,000 (2nd place), \$500 (3rd place) **Renewable:** No

Scholarship Qualifications: Latino students who demonstrate a financial need; Must be entering a college/university for Fall of 2015

Required Documentation: There are two rounds to this scholarship: For the 1st round, application must be postmarked by October 28, 2014 For the 2nd round submit the following by December 31st:

- Two Letters of recommendation (1 professional; 1 academic)
- A copy of your 2013 Tax Return
- FAFSA EFC
- College Acceptance letter (for 1st year college students only)
- High School or College transcripts.
- Two essay questions that will be provided to you

Open to DREAMers: Only those who have completed the Deferred Action process (also known as DACA) and have obtained a SSN

Scholarship Deadline: December 15, 2014

Scholarship Name: Comcast Leaders and Achievers

Website: http://corporate.comcast.com/images/Leaders_and_Achievers_Fact_Sheet_Aug2014.pdf

Application: You MUST be nominated by your principal or counselor chair. Only ONE student per CPS high school may be nominated.

Scholarship Description: The Leaders and Achievers Scholarships are one-time awards in the amount of \$1,000 for use toward college costs and expenses. Scholarship awards are nonrenewable and are not based on financial need.

Scholarship Award Amount: \$1,000 **Renewable:** No

Scholarship Qualifications: A student **must** be nominated by a Principal or Guidance Counselor. Student must:

- Demonstrate a strong commitment to community service and display leadership abilities in school activities or through work experience
- Have a grade point average of 2.8 or higher
- Must attend a high school in a community served by Comcast

Required Documentation: Nomination Form Completed by School Nominator and Selected Student's Online Application

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: December 5, 2014 (Nomination forms will become available September. Check website for details.)

December

Scholarship Name: Dr. Juan Andrade Scholarship for Young Hispanic Leaders

Website: <http://www.uskli.org/student/scholarship.php>

Application: Now Open

Scholarship Description: The Dr. Juan Andrade Scholarship for Young Hispanic Leaders was established by the USHLI Board of Directors in 1994. To date USHLI has awarded \$310,500 in scholarships to 305 Hispanic students throughout the United States. Students attending or accepted to an undergraduate four-year institution are eligible for a \$1,000 scholarship. Students attending or accepted to an undergraduate two-year institution are eligible for a \$500 scholarship.

Scholarship Award Amount: \$500 or \$1,000 **Renewable:** No

Scholarship Qualifications: Applicant must be enrolled or accepted as a full-time student in a four-year or two-year institution in the U.S. or U.S. territories, and demonstrate a verifiable need for financial support. At least one parent must be of Hispanic ancestry. Recipients must also be available to attend the 33rd National USHLI Conference in Chicago, IL, February 12-15, 2015.

Required Documentation:

Mail all requirements listed to: USHLI, Attn: Scholarship Committee, 431 S. Dearborn, Suite 1203, Chicago, IL 60605.

- **Cover Page:** Applicant must give their full legal name, home address, phone number, social security number, student I.D., or ITIN number, college contact person and title, college name, address, phone and fax number, classification, major, ancestry, and tuition balance for the year (tuition – grants, loans, scholarships = balance).
- **Background Information:** Applicant must submit a 250-500 word (one page minimum) self-description including: his/her family history (parents, siblings), life and/or work experiences that have influenced the applicant, and pertinent extracurricular and community involvement activities.
- **Leadership Essay:** Applicant must submit a 500-750 word essay (2-3 pages) on the future of Hispanics in America, the kind of leadership needed, and any role the applicant hopes to play in providing such leadership.
- **Transcript:** Applicant must submit a high school or college transcript verifying their eligibility status and GPA.
- **Letters of Reference:** Applicant must submit three (3) letters of reference from persons who have known them, e.g. high school teacher or counselor, employer, pastor/priest, professor, academic advisor, coach, etc.
- **Resume:** Applicants must submit a one-page resume of their work experience, academic accomplishments and other relevant activities.
- **Picture:** Applicant must submit a recent photograph (high-resolution, color, size: 2.5"x 3.5"). The picture should be suitable (head shot) for use in any printed literature announcing the recipients. Photos will be returned upon request.

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: December 31, 2014 (postmark date)

Scholarship Name: Foot Locker Scholars Athletes Program

Website: <https://www.dosomething.org/footlocker/about>

Application: Will become available on October 2, 2014

Scholarship Description: The Foot Locker Scholar Athletes program honors student athletes who demonstrate excellence in school, on their sports teams, and in their communities. This is an award that celebrates YOU--not necessarily because you scored the winning touchdown or goal--but because sports have helped you grow into a strong leader in your community.

Scholarship Award Amount: \$20,000 (dispersed evenly over 4 years) **Renewable:** Yes **Number of Years Renewable:** 4

Scholarship Qualifications: In order to be eligible for the Foot Locker Scholar Athletes program, the applicant must:

- Be entering college in the Fall of 2015 as a freshman at a four-year school for an undergraduate degree
- Be currently involved in high school sports, intramural sports, or community-based sports
- Have a minimum GPA of 3.0
- Be a U.S. citizen or permanent legal resident (you will be asked to prove citizenship and age if you win)
- Not be an officer or director of Foot Locker, Inc., or any of its subsidiaries, or a member of the immediate family of such an officer or director

Open to DREAMers: Unknown

Deadline: December 19, 2014

December

Scholarship Name: Elks National Foundation's Most Valuable Student Scholarship

Website: <http://www.elks.org/enf/scholars/mvs.cfm>

Application: Will become available in September 1, 2014

Scholarship Description: The Elk Foundation will award 500 four-year scholarships to the highest-rated applicants in the 2014 competition. Applicants will be judged on scholarship, leadership, and financial need. Male and female students compete separately.

Scholarship Award Amount: Ranging from \$1,000 to \$12,500 per year

Renewable: Yes **Number of Years Renewable:** 4

Scholarship Qualifications: Any high school senior who is a citizen of the United States is eligible to apply.

- College students are not eligible to apply.
- Applicants must be citizens of the United States on the date their applications are signed; permanent legal resident status does not qualify.

Required Documentation: Completed application, signed and dated essay response, official high school transcript, SAT and/or ACT scores, completed counselor report in a sealed envelope, and up to ten pages of optional exhibits. Exhibits should emphasize your achievements in scholarship, leadership, athletics, dramatics, community service, etc. Examples of exhibits include, but are not limited to: Newspaper articles in which you are featured, certificates of Achievement in academics, music, drama, etc. and copies of awards.

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: December 5, 2014. The completed application must be turned into the Elks Lodge closest to your home address by December 5, 2014. You can find the Elks Lodge closest to your home address by searching on your zip code at www.elks.org/lodges.

Scholarship Name: Golden Apple Scholars

Website/Application: <http://www.goldenapple.org/copy-of-apply-now>

Scholarship Description: Beginning in May of their junior year and continuing through November of their senior year, any Illinois high school student who is interested in a teaching career is eligible for the Golden Apple Scholars of Illinois program. Golden Apple Scholars receive tuition assistance of \$2,500 per year for freshmen and sophomore years and \$5,000 per year for junior and senior years.

Scholarship Award Amount: Golden Apple Scholars receive tuition assistance of \$2,500 per year for freshmen and sophomore years and \$5,000 per year for junior and senior years, paid directly to the scholar's undergraduate institution. Golden Apple Scholars participate in four Summer Institutes that begin June 2015. The Summer Institutes provide Scholars with internships and classes taught by Golden Apple Award winning teachers. Scholars receive \$2,000 per summer for attending each Summer Institutes. Award amount = \$15,000 in scholarship and \$2,000 each summer in summer internships stipends. Total package \$23,000

Renewable: Yes **Number of Years Renewable:** 4

Scholarship Qualifications: Nominated; Illinois high school student; pursuing education major, and; a minimum ACT of 18

Required Documentation: Nomination form, written application, provide ACT scores, and furnish transcripts

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: December 1, 2014

Scholarship Name: Greenhouse Scholars Program

Website: <http://www.greenhousescholars.org/application.html>

Application: Will become available in early October

Scholarship Description: The Greenhouse Scholars Program provides comprehensive personal and financial support, including one-on-one mentorship, professional guidance, peer mentorship, leadership training, and a renewable need-based college scholarship of up to \$5,000 per year.

Scholarship Award Amount: \$5,000

Renewable: Yes, with a 3.0+ GPA

Number of Years Renewable: 4

Scholarship Qualifications: Cumulative GPA minimum - 3.5 (unweighted)

- Must be a US citizen and legal resident of Illinois
- Demonstrate financial need (annual household income no greater than \$70,000)
- Demonstrate an ability to persevere through difficult circumstances, possess excellent leadership skills, and have a strong interest and commitment to the community

Required Documentation: Two letters of recommendation: One from a high school counselor, one from an adult, and one from a peer. Five short answer essays

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: December 10, 2014

December

Scholarship Name: Northern Illinois University Scholars

Website: http://www.niu.edu/scholarships/new_students/index.shtml

Scholarship Description: Attending college is a great investment in your future, and many families need assistance to help offset the cost of education. The purpose of financial aid is to assist students to pursue their college education by helping them and their families meet educational expenses.

Scholarship Award Amount: \$23,500/year **Renewable:** Yes **Number of Years Renewable:** 4

Scholarship Qualifications: 33 ACT or Top 5% HS class or 3.75 GPA

Required Documentation: The scholarship is awarded based on the application for admission to NIU. Some scholarships are competitive and may not be awarded to all qualified students.

Open to DREAMers: Yes (however, other opportunities vary)

Scholarship Deadline: Students who meet scholarship criteria will be considered for the scholarships. Note: for primary consideration, students should apply to NIU no later than December 1st.

Scholarship Name: Ronald McDonald Scholarship

Website: <http://rmhc.org/what-we-do/rmhc-u-s-scholarships/>

Application: <http://bit.ly/RMHCScholarshipApp>

Scholarship Description: Ronald McDonald House Charities offer scholarships to students in financial need who have demonstrated academic achievement, leadership and community involvement. Since 1985, \$40 million in scholarships have been awarded.

Award Amount: \$1,000 **Renewable:** No

Scholarship Qualifications: Meet any additional eligibility requirements outlined by each scholarship program

- Be a high school senior
- Be younger than 21 years old
- Be eligible to attend a two- or four-year college, university or technical school with a full course of study
- Minimum GPA of 2.5 or higher
- Be a legal U.S. resident
- Live in a participating RMHC Chapter's geographic area
- Submit a complete application and all required documentation by the deadline on the application
- Provide verification of enrollment each year at respective accredited post-secondary institution

Required Documents: All required documentation

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: December 20, 2014

December

Scholarship Name: University of Illinois at Chicago President's Award Program

Website: http://www.uic.edu/depts/oaa/degree_progress/pap.html

Scholarship Description: Scholarship consideration is given only to newly admitted first-year students graduating from an Illinois high school. Consideration is based on a combination of factors including high school record, standardized test scores, and a comprehensive review of all application materials. Additionally, candidates must be from one of the following: (a) a low-sending Illinois county to the University of Illinois, (b) a family which is not expected to contribute to the cost of their dependent student's education as verified through the financial aid application process or (c) member of a historically underrepresented group. Consideration for PAP awards begins after admission to the university. Students do not apply directly to the program for consideration. Students receive individual review by the program's selection committee and will be notified by mail if selected.

Scholarship Award Amount: \$5,000 a year **Renewable:** Yes **Number of Years Renewable:** 4

Scholarship Qualifications: ACT 25 or higher; Top 25th percentile ranking (HSPR 75 or higher); Cumulative GPA 3.0 or higher; Admitted to UIC for Fall 2015. Once enrolled, participation in mandatory program's activities and maintain a minimum 2.75 GPA per semester

Required Documentation:

1. Submit a completed Common Application.
2. Complete the UIC First Year Supplement to the Common Application.
3. While submitting a FASFA is not required, it is highly recommended.

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: The scholarship's priority review is December 1, 2014. Students are encouraged to apply for admission prior to November 30.

Scholarship Name: University of Illinois at Chicago President's Award Program Honors Scholars

Website: http://www.uic.edu/depts/oaa/degree_progress/pap.html

Scholarship Description: The PAP Honors Scholars program is a four-year residential scholarship program that provides opportunities for academic engagement and mentoring as a member of the UIC Honors College. Consideration is based on a combination of factors including high school record, standardized test scores, and a comprehensive review of all application materials. Additionally, consideration for PAP-H awards begins after admission to the university. Students do not apply directly to the program for consideration. Students receive individual review by the program's selection committee and will be notified by mail if selected. This scholarship is highly competitive for a limited number of awards.

Scholarship Award Amount: Full tuition and housing cost **Renewable:** Yes **Number of Years Renewable:** 4

Scholarship Qualifications: Newly admitted full-time, first-year students graduating from an Illinois high school for Fall 2015. Candidates must be from one of the following: (a) a low-sending Illinois county to the University of Illinois, (b) a family which is not expected to contribute to the cost of their dependent student's education as verified through the financial aid application process or (c) member of a historically underrepresented group. ACT 27 or higher; Top 25th percentile ranking (HSPR 75 or higher); Cumulative GPA: 3.0 Once enrolled, participate in mandatory program activities and maintain a minimum 3.40 GPA per semester

Required Documentation:

1. Submit a completed common application.
2. Complete the UIC First Year Supplement to the common application.
3. In the UIC Honors College section check the box labeled "Apply to Honors College."
4. Upload the required Honors College Essay.
5. Submit two (2) letters of recommendation. At least one letter should be from a teacher, counselor, or administrator at your school. Your second letter may be written by another teacher or by someone (not a family member) outside your school who is familiar with your qualifications.
6. While submitting a FASFA is not required, it is highly recommended.

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: The scholarship's priority review is December 1, 2014. Students are encouraged to apply for admission prior to November 30. Final deadline: January 15, 2015

January

Scholarship Name: ALPFA Scholarship Fund

Website: <http://www.alpfa.org/scholarships>

Scholarship Description: The Association of Latino Professionals in Finance and Accounting (ALPFA) offers scholarships to students pursuing careers in finance, accounting and related fields of business. Awards from \$1,250 - \$10,000. Additional Requirements: Must be pursuing business, finance, or marketing. Must have financial need.

Scholarship Award Amount: \$1,000- \$10,000 **Renewable:** No

Scholarship Qualifications:

- Have a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA on a 4.0 scale (or the equivalent)
- US citizen OR legal permanent resident with a valid permanent resident card or passport stamped I-551
- Be pursuing or plan to pursue your first undergraduate or graduate degree
- Must apply for federal financial aid using the Free Applications for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- Be enrolled or plan to enroll full-time as an undergraduate or graduate student at a U.S. accredited institution in the U.S., Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, or Guam, Pursuing careers in finance, accounting and related business fields

Required Documentation: Complete application; Free Applications for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: This scholarship has a January deadline. Check website for details.

Scholarship Name: Asian and Pacific Islander Scholarship-General Scholarship

Website: http://www.apiasf.org/scholarship_apiasf.html **Application:** Will become available September 2, 2014

Scholarship Description: APIASF's vision is to see that all APIAs have access to higher education and resources that cultivate their academic, personal and professional success regardless of their ethnicity, national origin or financial means. Our mission is to make a difference in the lives of APIA students by providing them with resources that increase their access to higher education which serves as the foundation for their future success and contributions to a stronger America.

The APIASF General Scholarship is open to Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) high school and college students who will be enrolling or are currently enrolled in a U.S. accredited college or university as a full-time, degree-seeking undergraduate student in the upcoming academic year. There are multiple scholarship opportunities that vary in award amount, number of years, field of study, location, and more.

Scholarship Award Amount: \$2,500- \$15,000 **Renewable:** Varies

Scholarship Qualifications:

- Asian American and/or Pacific Islander ethnicity, as defined by the U.S. Census
- Citizen, national or legal permanent resident of the United States. Citizens of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, and the Republic of Palau are also eligible to apply
- Enrolling as an undergraduate student in a U.S. accredited college or university in the Fall of 2015
- Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.7 on a 4.0 scale (unweighted) OR have earned a GED
- Must apply for federal financial aid using the FAFSA

For additional eligibility information, visit www.apiasf.org/scholarship_apiasf.html

Required Documentation: Complete application, one letter of recommendation, FAFSA

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: January 14, 2015

January

Scholarship Name: Burger King McLamore Foundation and the James W. McLamore Whopper® Scholarship

Website: <https://www.scholarshipamerica.org/burgerkingscholars/>

Application: <https://www.scholarshipamerica.org/burgerkingscholars/information.php> (Application will open October 15, 2014)

Scholarship Description: The McLamore Foundation awards three recipients with a \$50,000 scholarship. These four-year scholarships will help students achieve their educational and professional goals and are intended to help keep James McLamore's vision alive.

Scholarship Award Amount: \$50,000

Renewable: Yes **Number of Years Renewable:** 4

Scholarship Qualifications: Be residents of the United States, Canada or Puerto Rico

- Be graduating high school seniors (U.S. and Puerto Rico), graduating from grade 12 (Canada) or graduating from home school education in the U.S., Puerto Rico or Canada
- Have a cumulative high school grade point average of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale, or the equivalent
- Plan to enroll full-time, without interruption, for the entire 2015-16 academic year at an accredited two- or four-year college, university, or vocational-technical school in the U.S., Canada or Puerto Rico

Required Documentation: Online application with supplements (check the website for updated information).

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: December 10, 2014 or until the first 50,000 applications are received. Application data must be submitted electronically by 11:59 p.m. (Pacific time). If 50,000 applications are received prior to December 10th, the application will close.

Scholarship Name: Carson Scholars Fund (Elementary and High School Scholarship)

Website: http://www.carsonscholars.org/scholarships/prospective_scholars

Application: You **must** be nominated by a counselor, principal, or teacher and he/she must complete the online form. In general, each school is eligible to nominate one student to compete for our scholarship.

Scholarship Description: The Carson Scholars Fund awards \$1,000 college scholarships to students in grades 4-11 who excel academically and are dedicated to serving their communities. Students must attend an accredited K-12 school in the United States.

An interested student must be nominated by his/her school to be able to compete for a Carson Scholarship. It is up to a school how to determine its nominee. The minimum requirements are a 3.75 GPA for the current school year and involvement in community service. In general, a school is only allowed to nominate one student.

Scholarship Award Amount: \$1,000 college scholarship that is invested and accrues interest until the student graduates high school and attends a four-year college or university in which they are enrolled full-time in a bachelor-degree-track program. Between 20-30 scholarship are awarded to CPS students annually.

Renewable: No

Scholarship Qualifications: 4th – 11th grade student

- **Must** be nominated by counselor/teacher and approved by principal. Only one (1) student per school
- Minimum 3.75 GPA - current year grades only (NOT cumulative)
- One Letter of Recommendation
- Essay 500 or 750 words depending on age
- Community service

Required Documentation: Principals must request a nomination form. Principal's nomination form can be accessed here: <http://carsonscholars.org/scholarships/application-request-form>

Open to DREAMers: No, students must have a social security number to receive funds.

Scholarship Deadline: January 9, 2015

January

Scholarship Name: Charles Scholarship

Website: <http://www.davidson.edu/charles>

Application: Must be nominated by a counselor, college advisor, or program director who must then complete and submit the online nomination form at the website listed. Each high school may nominate up to three students.

Scholarship Description: Offered to Chicago Public School students (two in each entering class), with established financial need and a record of academic achievement, personal accomplishment, and leadership ability. Preference is given to multicultural students, particularly Latino and Hispanic students.

Scholarship Award Amount: Full cost of attendance (room, board, tuition, fees, spending allowance for books, travel, personal expenses) + special study opportunity funds

Renewable: Yes **Number of Years Renewable:** 4

Scholarship Qualifications: Student must be a graduate of CPS with strong records of academic and personal accomplishment. You may be considered for the Charles Scholarship either: A) As your school's nominee; or B) By completing an application for admission to Davidson to be considered for nomination by the Chicago Regional Admission Counselor.

Required Documentation: Completed nomination form, signed and dated; signed transcript and school profile; letter of recommendation for the nominee.

Open to DREAMers: Yes

Scholarship Deadline: January 2, 2015. Nominations for this scholarship must be submitted by December 1, 2014.

Scholarship Name: Dell Scholars Program

Website: <http://www.dellscholars.org/> **Application:** Will become available online November 1

Scholarship Description: Funded by the Michael & Susan Dell Foundation (MSDF), a private foundation dedicated to enabling children and youth to achieve their potential, the Dell Scholars program offers an opportunity for under-served and lower income students to realize their dream of a college education. \$20,000 scholarships are offered to students for full-time study to complete a bachelor's degree program. You must be enrolled in an Dell Foundation College Readiness Program. Some programs currently approved to participate in the Dell Scholars Program:

- Idea Academy
- Uplift Education
- Upward Bound
- Upward Bound Math and Science
- Aspire Public Schools
- AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination)
- College Forward
- GEAR UP
- Green Dot Public Schools
- KIPP Charter Schools
- Noble Street Charter School

Scholarship Award Amount: \$20,000 **Renewable:** Yes **Number of Years Renewable:** 6

Scholarship Qualifications: Participating in a Michael & Susan Dell Foundation approved college readiness program for a minimum of two of the last three years

- Graduating from an accredited high school this academic year
- Minimum of a 2.4 GPA
- Demonstrated need for financial assistance
- Plan to enter a bachelor's degree program at an accredited higher education institution in the fall directly after graduation
- U.S. citizenship or permanent residency

Required Documentation: Online application

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: January 15, 2015

January

Scholarship Name: Emma L. Bowen Foundation Work/Study Program

Website: <http://www.emmabowenfoundation.com/index.php/application.html>

Application: http://emmabowenfoundation.com/images/Documents/2015_LA_APP.pdf

Scholarship Description: The Emma L. Bowen Foundation was created in 1989 to prepare minority youth for careers in the media industry. The Foundation's program is unlike traditional intern programs in that students work for partner companies during summers and school breaks from the summer following their senior year in high school until they graduate from college. During the four-year program, students have an opportunity to learn many aspects of corporate operations and develop company-specific skills. Corporations have an opportunity to train and mentor students with the option of full-time employment upon completion of their college degrees.

Scholarship Award Amount: Students earn an hourly salary and matching funds for college expenses.

Renewable: N/A

Scholarship Qualifications: Minority students with a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better and an interest in the media industry as a career are eligible to apply

Required Documentation: Please the website for listed required documents once the application is opened.

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: January 31, 2015

Scholarship Name: Gates Millennium Scholarship

Website: <http://www.gmsp.org/>

Application: <http://bit.ly/GatesApp14-15>

Scholarship Description: We provide our Gates Millennium Scholars with personal and professional development through our leadership programs along with academic support through their college career. Full tuition for college and graduate school.

Scholarship Award Amount: Varies-Full Tuition, Room and Board, and personal expenses covered through graduate school.

Renewable: Yes **Number of Years Renewable:** Varies

Scholarship Qualifications: Are a citizen, national or legal permanent resident of the United States

- African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian Pacific Islander American or Hispanic American
- Have attained a cumulative high school GPA of 3.3 on an unweighted 4.0 scale or have earned a GED
- Will enroll for the first time at a U.S.-located, accredited college or university (with the exception of students concurrently pursuing a high school diploma) in the fall of 2015 as a full-time, degree-seeking, first-year student. First-time college enrollees can also be GED recipients.
- Have demonstrated leadership abilities through participation in community service, extracurricular, or other activities
- Meet the Federal Pell Grant eligibility criteria
- Have completed and submitted all three required forms: the student's application (Nominee Personal Information Form), an evaluation of the student's academic record (Nominator Form) and an evaluation of the student's community service and leadership activities (Recommender Form) by the deadline

Required Documentation: Student Application (Nominee Personal Information Form)

Educator's evaluation of the student's academic record (Nominator Form)

Evaluation of the student's community service and leadership activities (Recommender Form)

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: January 14, 2015 at 11:59 p.m.

January

Scholarship Name: IIT Collens Scholars

Website: <http://www.iit.edu/undergrad-admission/cost/scholarships-collens-scholars.shtml>

Scholarship Description: Collens Scholars demonstrate a high standard of academic excellence, aptitude in mathematics and science, social service, and a desire to pursue a high quality educational experience. Specifically, we offer the opportunity to be a Collens Scholar to Chicago Public School seniors who demonstrate defined financial need. Collens Scholars are awarded full tuition, room and board, and books.

Scholarship Award Amount: Full tuition, approximately \$31,000 **Renewable:** Yes **Number of Years Renewable:** 4

Scholarship Qualifications: Graduate from a Chicago Public School in June 2015

- Be admitted to IIT as a full-time freshman for Fall 2015 (note: transfer students are not eligible for this program)
- Be a U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident
- Submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) using IIT's FAFSA code: 001691
- Have parents (or guardians) whose income is less than \$60,000 per year
- Complete verification process with the Office of Financial Aid

Required Documentation: Application with supplemental material. Please check the website for updated information.

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: January 15, 2015

Scholarship Name: Tuskegee Airmen National Educational Assistance Scholarship

Website: <http://www.taisf.org/scholar.htm> **Application:** Will become available in October

Scholarship Description: Background Information: Tuskegee Airmen, Incorporated™ is a unique organization dedicated to the preservation of the history of African American veterans whose service during World War II demonstrated to America that the criteria for responsible citizenship are character and achievement rather than ethnic origin.

Scholarship Award Amount: \$1,500 **Renewable:** No

Scholarship Requirements: Applicants must be students of accredited high schools who have graduated or will graduate in the school year 2014-2015. Additionally, applying students must have a GPA of at least a 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.

Required Documentation:

- Two (2) page essay containing: a biographical sketch, educational aspirations, career goals and an explanation of why financial aid is essential.
- Additionally, the applicant must include a single page essay entitled "The Tuskegee Airmen" which reflects an overview of their history. Essays must be typed, double-spaced with 1-inch margins on 8.5" x 11" paper.
- To validate the financial status of the applicant, a copy of parent(s)' latest IRS Form 1040 through adjusted gross income line must be included in application package. If not required to file Form 1040, provide official alternate source document to verify income, such as statement from Public Social Services, Pensions or SSI (W-2 or W-4 not acceptable). SSN may be "blacked out."

Chicagoland students should mail the National Scholarship Application to:

Chicago Chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen
Educational Assistance Program
P.O. Box 19063
Chicago, IL 60619

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: January 5, 2015

February

Scholarship Name: 100 BMA: Future Leader Scholarship

Website: <http://www.100blackmen.org/education.aspx> **Application:** Will become available online in December

Scholarship Description: The 100 Black Men of America, Inc. is committed to the growth and development of America's youth. In addition to engaging in mentoring, education, health & wellness and economic development programs, we feel it is important to aid in developing talented young Americans in pursuit of higher education. Community Service: 50 hrs within the last 12 months- 50 hrs in the 8 months after being awarded. Notification of scholarships will only be sent to awarded recipients by June 2015.

Scholarship Award Amount: \$1,000- \$2,000 **Renewable:** No

Scholarship Qualifications: Undergraduate student or high school student transitioning to college

- Minimum grade point average of 2.5
- Attending a post secondary, accredited institution or planning to attend
- Plans to attend school for entire academic year, beginning in the fall
- Completed 50 hours of "active" community service within past 12 months with certified documentation
- Leadership involvement (Defined as office held for instance is a President, Treasurer, etc. in High School, College or an organization / club; Captain of a team; Students that have started an organization / program or developed / invented an item that helps to benefit the community at large; etc.)

Required Documentation:

1. Scholarship Application
2. Essay: Applicants are required to submit a 600 word, double-spaced essay using one of five topics (see website). It is also encouraged and preferred that the essays be typed.
3. Official Academic Transcript
4. Confirmation of Community Service Form
5. One Character Reference Letter (must be from a non-relative)

Open to DREAMers: Yes

Scholarship Deadline: February 27, 2015

Scholarship Name: Alpha Gamma Pi Sorority Scholarship

Website: <http://chooseyourfuture.org/support-scholarship/alpha-gamma-pi-sorority-scholarship>

Application: <https://cps.academicworks.com/opportunities/8> (application will go live on October 27, 2014)

Scholarship Description: Alpha Gamma Pi Sorority, Inc. organized in June, 1963, was founded by Alberta Myers, youth editor of the Chicago Daily Defender. The mission of the sorority is to honor progressive Black women of achievement and to award scholarships annually to carefully select graduating African-American college-bound female seniors.

Since 1965, young women have received 4 – year renewable scholarships based on their outstanding academic performance, extramural activities, community service and financial need. Final selections will be on interviews conducted by members of Alpha Gamma Pi Sorority. Awards will be presented at the Annual Recognition Luncheon in June, 2015.

Scholarship Award Amount: 2 - \$1,000 and 1 - \$2,500 four year continuing scholarship

Renewable: Yes, depends on which scholarship amount awarded **Number of Years Renewable:** 4

Scholarship Requirements: African – American female student and resident of the state of Illinois

- Graduating high school senior from Chicago Public School
- Pursuing a full time undergraduate, academic bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university
- Beginning college freshman as of the 2015 fall semester
- Cumulative unweighted GPA of 3.0 or higher
- ACT score of 20 or higher
- Volunteer service (school, community, etc.)
- Current, valid high school transcript (7th if not available at time application is submitted)
- Recommendation from person who has knowledge of applicant's character, abilities, potential (Letter can be counselor, teacher, community, leader, minister)
- Non-returnable photograph suitable for publication

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: February 28, 2015

February

Scholarship Name: Bank of America Student Leaders Program

Website: <http://bit.ly/BofAScholars>

Scholarship Description: Our Student Leaders® program connects young leaders with employment that helps to give them the necessary tools and resources they need to advance. Through the Student Leaders® program, we recognize high school juniors and seniors who step outside of the classroom to contribute service in their own communities and beyond. Student Leaders® are awarded paid summer internships with local nonprofit organizations and participate in a Student Leadership Summit held in Washington, D.C.

Scholarship Award Amount: 8-week paid internship at a local nonprofit/charitable organization

Renewable: N/A

Scholarship Qualifications: To become a Student Leader, you must:

- Currently be a junior or senior in high school
- Participate in an 8-week internship at a local nonprofit/charitable organization and work 35 hours a week
- Be legally authorized to work in the US without sponsorship through the end of September 2014
- Be able to participate in a week-long Student Leadership Summit in Washington, DC (July 2015). (All expenses paid as part of the Student Leaders Program. This week will be part of your 8-week experience.)
- Be a student in good standing at your school

Required Documentation: Letter of recommendation from a teacher, guidance counselor, or school administrator.

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: Application becomes available in February. Please check the website for deadline details.

Scholarship Name: Chicago Scholars Program

Website/Application: <http://www.chicagoscholars.org/apply/>

Scholarship Description: Going beyond traditional monetary solutions, the Chicago Scholars Program offers five years of best practice programming to get students into college, graduate in four years, and smoothly transition into good-fit careers or graduate study.

Scholarship Award Amount: No award. This program prepares students for a successful transition to college and enables students to participate in on-site admissions/scholarship opportunities.

Scholarship Qualifications: High school juniors who demonstrate strong character and academic ambitions, want to explore their college possibilities, have a strong will to succeed, and a desire to give back to their peers and community.

- Living within the city limits of Chicago
- Attending a high school (public, charter, private or parochial) in Chicago
- Strong students with a minimum 3.0 GPA
- PLAN or ACT score of 19 or higher
- From first-generation, economically high need and under-served communities Nominated by a counselor, principal, teacher or self

Required Documentation: Online application; Recommendation letter(s); Official transcript

Open to DREAMers: Yes

Scholarship Deadline: February 6, 2015

February

Scholarship Name: Buick Achievers Scholarship Program

Website: <http://www.buickachievers.com/guidelines/>

Scholarship Description: This scholarship, funded by the GM Foundation, is designed to help students who are leaders in both the classroom and their communities, but who may not have the financial means to attend college. Must be interested in a career in the automotive or related industries.

Scholarship Award Amount: Up to \$25,000 per year for 100 first-time freshman or existing college students, renewable up to four years and one additional year for those entering a qualified five-year engineering program. \$2,000 one-time awards for an additional 1,000 students.

Renewable: Yes **Number of Years Renewable:** 4

Scholarship Qualifications: Be high school seniors or graduates or be current undergraduate students

- Plan to enroll in full-time undergraduate study at an accredited U.S. four-year college or university for the entire 2015-2016 academic year (excluding proprietary and online schools)
- Plan to major in one of the following: Science, Technology, Engineering, Math, Business Administration, Finance, Marketing or Designs
- Be interested in pursuing a career in the automotive or related industries
- Resident of Cook, DuPage, Lake, Kane, Kendall, DeKalb, McHenry, Will and Winnebago
- Be U.S. citizens and have permanent residence in the United States

Required Documentation: Complete online application

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: February 27, 2015

Scholarship Name: CBAI Foundation for Community Banking: Annual Essay Scholarship Program

Website: <http://www.cbai.com/downloads/ScholarshipBrochure15.pdf>

Application: Will become available the second week of September

Scholarship Description: The CBAI Foundation for Community Banking offers 13 scholarships to top Illinois high school seniors statewide each year. Competition is open to Illinois high school seniors who are sponsored by a CBAI member bank; it is not based on financial need or plans for higher education. Student bank employees, plus the immediate families of bank employees, board members, stockholders, CBAI employees, and judges are ineligible, (a separate scholarship is available to these individuals.) Students are asked to write short essays on a given theme. Length of the essay must not exceed two pages of typewritten copy, double-spaced in 12-pt, on one side of each page. Each essay must also have a title. For more information, email Bobbi Watson: bobbw@cbai.com.

Scholarship Award Amount: \$1,000/ per year (1st place); \$500 for second place **Renewable:** Yes

Number of Years Renewable: 4

Scholarship Qualifications: Be an Illinois resident and a senior graduating in June 2014 and be sponsored by a CBAI member bank. Check this list of participating banks: <http://bit.ly/CBAIBanks>

Required Documentation: Essay on a given topic

Open to DREAMers: Yes

Scholarship Deadline: February 4, 2015

February

Scholarship Name: Chancellor's Scholar Award: Purdue University

Website: <http://webs.purduecal.edu/admissions/scholarships/>

Scholarship Description: Purdue University Calumet is dedicated to recognizing the academic excellence of our students. Entering freshmen and new transfer students are automatically considered for academic scholarships as part of the admissions process.

Scholarship Award Amount: Up to \$15,700 for a non-Indiana resident; \$500 per year for books ; \$1,250 per term for housing

Renewable: Yes **Number of Years Renewable:** 4

Scholarship Qualifications:

1. You must be a high school graduate from a secondary institution that offers competitive class rankings.
2. You must be the valedictorian or salutatorian of your graduating high school class.
3. Minimum high school grade point average (GPA) of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale (five subject GPA – Math, English, Lab Science, Social Studies and Foreign Language)
4. You must be a U.S. Citizen.
5. You must be admitted and registered at Purdue University Calumet as a full-time degree-seeking undergraduate student.
6. You must begin classes at Purdue University Calumet in the academic year within one year of graduation from high school provided you have not attended any other university.

Required Documentation: Application for enrollment to Purdue University; Application for scholarship

Note: Scholarship offers are made upon admission. Student will receive a scholarship offer letter within 2 weeks of acceptance letter. The scholarship offer must be signed and returned within 30 days to hold the scholarship in the student's name. If it is not received within 30 days, there is a chance that the scholarship will be awarded to another deserving student.

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: This scholarship has an early February deadline. Check the website for the exact date.

Scholarship Name: Chicago (DODO) Chapter of Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. Education Assistance Program

Website: <http://bit.ly/1r0Yopo>

Application: <https://cps.academicworks.com/opportunities/14> (application will go live on October 27, 2014)

Scholarship Description: The Chicago Chapter of Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. will provide awards to qualified high school seniors who will attend an accredited institution as a full-time student the fall of the succeeding school year.

Scholarship Award Amount: \$1,000 for students or the Dr. Perez Award, \$1,500 to students pursuing Aviation, Engineering and Medical Sciences

Renewable: No

Scholarship Qualifications: Applicants must be students of accredited high schools who have graduated or will graduate in the school year 2014-2015. Applying students must have a GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, and ACT of 18 or higher.

Required Documentation: Prior to an optional face-to-face interview with the Educational Assistance Committee, the entire application package is evaluated. Before mailing, the applicant should verify the total package by verifying and checking the boxes below:

1. Completed application
2. High school transcript, evidencing a minimum 3.0 grade point average
3. An essay titled "The Tuskegee Airmen", typed, double-spaced not to exceed one (1) page
4. An essay titled "I Am", typed, double-spaced not to exceed two (2) pages
5. One letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor, coach or other school official
6. One letter of recommendation from a community leader, faith leader or other non-academic, non-family member)

Open to DREAMers: Yes

Scholarship Deadline: February 27, 2015

February

Scholarship Name: Chicago Mercantile Exchange Mayoral Award for Student Achievement Scholarship

Website: www.cmegroup.com/company/center-for-innovation/mayoral-award.html

Application: <https://cps.academicworks.com/opportunities/26> (application will go live on October 27, 2014)

Scholarship Description: Chicago Public Schools counselors, college and career coaches, and teachers will have the opportunity to nominate up to three high school seniors from their school to be considered for the CME Group Center for Innovation Mayoral Award for Student Achievement scholarship. The nominated students should have outstanding extracurricular activities, excellent academic achievement and be considered leaders of their class. A strong interest in a business or business-related field is required as these students will also become eligible to be considered for the summer employment program. This can be evidenced as a planned college major in business or in a business-related field.

Scholarship Award Amount: \$1,000 **Renewable:** No

Scholarship Qualifications: Chicago Public School high school senior

- MUST be nominated by school principal or counselor or college and career coach
- Excellent academic achievement
- Career goal/college major in business or a business related field
- A minimum grade-point average of 3.0
- Excellent attendance (90% or higher)

Required Documentation: ACT and/or SAT Scores

- Official Transcript
- Essay Question response
- Class Rank
- Student form
- High School Counselor form
- Grade Point Average
- Statement of Purpose
- W9 form completed by student
- Attendance Records
- Reference form

Open to DREAMers: Only those who have completed the Deferred Action process (also known as DACA) and have obtained a SSN

Scholarship Deadline: February 1, 2015.

Scholarship Name: City Treasurer's Black History Month Essay Competition

Website: <http://www.chooseyourfuture.org/support-scholarship/black-history-month-essay-competition>

Application: <https://cps.academicworks.com/opportunities/35> (application will go live on October 27, 2014)

Scholarship Description: Awarded to CPS African American high school seniors who plan to attend an accredited public or private two or four-year college/university. Scholarship recognizes an African-American student displaying outstanding academic achievement or community involvement. Additional Requirement: Chicago resident.

Scholarship Award Amount: \$1,000 **Renewable:** No

Scholarship Qualifications: Must be a senior enrolled in a CPS high school. Plan to enroll in an accredited two or four-year institution of higher education or educational institution in the fall of 2015. Minimum GPA of 2.5, and 50 hours of community service.

Required Documentation: Official high school transcript; Letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor or college coach familiar with student's academics; College letter of acceptance; Two essay questions (no more than 500 words each, typed, double-spaced).

Open to DREAMers: Only those who have completed the Deferred Action process (also known as DACA) and have obtained a SSN

Scholarship Deadline: February 17, 2015

February

Scholarship Name: DePaul University Community Service Scholarship

Website: <http://steans.depaul.edu/Student/Scholarships/COMMUNITY-SERVICE-SCHOLARSHIP>

Scholarship Description: The Community Service Scholarship at DePaul University is a four-year program that involves students in increasing levels of sophistication in service learning and activism. Students who have exceptional records of community involvement in high school or who have participated in programs at community-based organizations are highly encouraged to apply. The Community Service Scholarship attracts a wide array of students and comprises a strong representation of the missions of both DePaul and the Steans Center. All Scholars are working toward a goal of social justice while transcending differences of race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, politics, citizenship status, and career goals.

Scholarship Award Amount: \$8,500 **Renewable:** Yes **Number of Years Renewable:** 4

Scholarship Qualifications: Acceptance to a DePaul University undergraduate program

- Demonstrated commitment to community service
- Submission of a completed community service scholarship application and recommendation. (Application forms are available through the admission office)
- Students must file the Free Application for Federal Student Assistance (FAFSA) in order to be considered for the full scholarship amount. Those students who do not file the FAFSA and are named as winners will receive an award of \$2,000
- Winners must agree to the following items:
 - Be a full time student (complete at least 36 quarter hours each academic year).
 - Maintain a 2.7 cumulative GPA (calculated at the end of the academic year).
 - Enroll in the Community Service Studies minor.
 - Complete a total of 30 hours of service per quarter for a total of 12 quarters.
 - Maintain contact with the Irwin W. Steans Center for Community-based Service Learning

Open to DREAMers: Unknown

Scholarship Deadline: February 1, 2015 (Applicant must be admitted to DePaul University)

Scholarship Name: George M. Pullman Educational Foundation Scholarship

Website: <http://www.pullmanfoundation.org/become/eligible/>

Application: Will become available in November 2014

Scholarship Description: The George M. Pullman Educational Foundation supports the dreams and aspirations of outstanding graduating high school students with merit-based, need-based scholarships and continuing educational support, as they pursue their bachelor's degree at the college or university of their choice.

Scholarship Award Amount: The Foundation awards scholarships up to \$5,000 per year, depending on the student's financial need.

Renewable: Yes **Number of Years Renewable:** 4

Scholarship Qualifications:

- You are a resident of Cook County, Illinois
- You will be enrolling as a full-time student at an accredited bachelor's degree-granting institution that is eligible to receive Title IV federal aid and is located within the U.S.
- You demonstrate a strong financial need
- You currently have a cumulative 3.0 unweighted GPA or higher
- You are eligible to receive state and federal aid and will file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

Required Documentation:

- Online application (this includes three essay questions)
- Official academic transcript
- 2015-2016 FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR)
- Two recommendation forms
- College/university acceptance letter from the institution you will be attending in Fall 2015
- 2015-2016 financial aid award letter
- Documentation verifying any other scholarships or financial awards received

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: February 2015. Please check website for updates.

February

Scholarship Name: IIT Boeing Scholars Academy

Website: http://blogs.iit.edu/boeing_scholars/program/

Scholarship Description: Generously supported by a grant from The Boeing Company, the Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT) Boeing Scholars Academy is a free, two-year academic enrichment program that offers 100 high-achieving, Chicago-area high school students the opportunity to immerse themselves in academic and hands-on experiences in STEM fields (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics). The IIT Boeing Scholars Academy inspires students to make a difference in their communities through STEM and to pursue higher education. Students will participate in four weeks of intensive, project-based STEM programming at IIT each summer, participate in workshops, field trips, and career exploration events during the school year; receive guidance and support in developing leadership projects (junior year) and college advising and application assistance (senior year).

Scholarship Award Amount: NONE; Free, two-year educational enrichment program **Renewable:** N/A (students make a two-year commitment to the program)

Scholarship Qualifications: Be current sophomores (class of 2017) at Chicago-area high schools

- Demonstrated strong performance (A's and B's) in a college prep curriculum
- Be on track to take pre-calculus or higher by senior year
- First-generation college students, women, and students from populations underrepresented in STEM fields are especially encouraged to apply

Required Documentation: The IIT Boeing Scholars Academy application form and required essay

- Official copy of the student's high school transcript (including 2014 fall grades)
- One recommendation form completed by one of the student's high school teachers
- One recommendation form completed by another adult of the student's choice

Open to DREAMers: Yes

Scholarship Deadline: Early February 2015. Please check website for updates.

Scholarship Name: Illinois Chemical Education High School Senior Scholarship

Website: <http://www.cicil.net/highschoolscholarshipapplication.aspx>

Application: Will become available online in late October or early November

Scholarship Description: The Chemical Industry Council of Illinois, through the Illinois Chemical Education Foundation (ICEF) presents a number of scholarships each year to top high school senior science students. The ICEF's objective is to recognize and honor those seniors who have exemplified outstanding achievement in academics, extracurricular/employment activities and community involvement.

Scholarship Award Amount: \$2,000 **Renewable:** No (scholarship is available for re-application as an undergraduate)

Scholarship Qualifications: High school scholarship applicants must be an Illinois resident and plan to attend a post-secondary educational institution (i.e. junior college, community college, four-year undergraduate institution) located in Illinois.

Required Documentation: Name, address (include zip code), and telephone number only on a cover page

- Official high school transcript including grade point average with scale and class rank
- ACT/SAT/PSAT scores (Either through Official transcript or from the ACT)
- Two letters of recommendation from teachers, including one science teacher
- A one page essay on "How did you become interested in your chosen field and where do you hope it takes you?"
- List of extracurricular activities, including community service, awards and accomplishments, and employment/work experience

Open to DREAMers: Yes

Scholarship Deadline: February 20, 2015 (postmark date); Must be received by February 25, 2015

February

Scholarship Name: Illinois PTA Lillian E. Glover Scholarship Program

Website: <http://www.illinoispta.org/scholarship.html>

Scholarship Description: Scholarship is awarded to students enrolling in a college or university in an education or education-related degree program, which may include: Librarians, Instructional Media Specialists, School Nurses, School Psychologists or Social Workers.

Scholarship Award Amount: 1st Place - \$3,000 2nd Place - \$2,000 **Renewable:** No

Scholarship Qualifications: Grade Point Average of 3.0 or above in a non-weighted 4.0 scale. Please convert the GPA if it is weighted and/or a 5.0 scale. Graduating senior, preparing to enter Education or Education-related degree program requiring certification from a state board of education. Must be in top 33% of class.

Required Documentation: Completed application ; Transcript of high school credits and grades, including the first semester of the senior year; A stamped, self-addressed business envelope

Open to DREAMers: Unknown

Scholarship Deadline: This scholarship has a February 2015 deadline. Please check website for deadline details.

Scholarship Name: Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholarship

Website: <http://www.jackierobinson.org/about/programs.php>

Application: Will become available online on November 1, 2014

Scholarship Description: Students must be minority U.S. citizens, demonstrate high level of academic achievement, leadership potential, financial need, and have an ACT score of at least 21.

Scholarship Award Amount: Varies **Renewable:** Yes **Number of Years Renewable:** 4

Scholarship Qualifications: Be a graduating, minority high school senior

- Plan to attend an accredited and approved four-year institution within the United States
- Show leadership potential and demonstrate a dedication to community service
- Present evidence of financial need
- Be a United States citizen
- Minimum SAT score of 1,000 combined on the math and critical reading sections or a composite ACT score of 21
- Cannot possess a degree from a 2 or 4-year college when applying for the scholarship

Required Documentation: A completed and submitted online application

- One (1) letter of recommendation submitted online only
- SAT or ACT scores sent to the Foundation directly from the testing agencies. The Foundation's college codes are: SAT 4248/ACT: 6570
- Official high school transcript
- Proof of U.S. citizenship
- Student Aid Report

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: February 15, 2015 5 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST)/ 4 p.m. Central Standard Time (CST)

February

Scholarship Name: The McKinsey Diverse Young Leaders Scholarship

Website: <http://chicagodiversityscholars.mckinsey.com/> **Application:** <http://chicagodiversityscholars.mckinsey.com/howtoapply>

Scholarship Description: The McKinsey Diverse Young Leaders Scholarship was established with the goal of supporting and building relationships with promising and diverse Chicago Public Schools students. Award includes being matched with a mentor from the McKinsey Chicago office, and a guaranteed interview for a McKinsey summer internship after sophomore or junior year of college, or a guaranteed interview for a full-time position after senior year (interview will be for a role with your choice of any of McKinsey's Midwest locations: Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit, Minneapolis, Pittsburgh).

Scholarship Award Amount: \$5,000 or \$1,000 **Renewable:** No

Scholarship Qualifications: Be a student at Chicago Public Schools graduating in Spring 2015

- Be of Hispanic, Latino/Latina or African American race or ethnicity
- Be able to establish to McKinsey evidence of your identity and right to work in the U.S.
- Have a minimum unweighted GPA of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale
- ACT minimum score of 27 or a minimum SAT score of 1860
- Have plans to enroll at a four-year accredited institution during the 2015-2016 academic year

Required Documentation: Online application form

- One 250- to 500-word personal statement
- One letter of recommendation
- Unofficial high school transcript and test scores

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: February 16, 2015

Scholarship Name: Monsignor Egan Hope Scholarship (DePaul University)

Website: <http://www.depaul.edu/admission-and-aid/Pages/scholarships.aspx> (under "Service and Leadership Scholarships" label)

Scholarship Description: The Egan Hope Scholarship Program was initiated in 1992 to honor Monsignor John Egan on the 50th anniversary of his ordination into the priesthood. The program was developed in response to a need for initiatives that would enable inner-city students from Chicago neighborhoods to earn college degrees.

Scholarship Award Amount: \$17,000 **Renewable:** Yes **Number of Years Renewable:** 4

Scholarship Qualifications: To be considered, you must prove residency within the City of Chicago, graduate from a City of Chicago high school and demonstrate need as determined by the FAFSA. You must have an exceptional record of social activism, leadership and community service. Recipients are required to commit to social activism, serve as a community leader, fulfill community service projects and participate in events determined by supervisors in the Office of Multicultural Student Success, including sessions with staff for advising, mentoring and assessment.

Required Documentation: Application to DePaul University by early action deadline of November 15th; FAFSA

Open to DREAMers: Yes

Scholarship Deadline: February 1, 2015

Scholarship Name: National Co-Op Scholarship

Website: <http://www.waceinc.org/scholarship/index.html> **Application:** <http://bit.ly/1rhqRF7>

Scholarship Description: The National Commission awards merit co-op scholarships to accepted students at their partner institutions.

Scholarship Award Amount: Varies for every institution

Renewable: Yes, at partner institutions **Number of Years Renewable:** 4

Scholarship Qualifications: Have a cumulative high school GPA of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale; Complete all the required admissions applications material and be accepted for the 2015-2016 academic year at one of the WACE Partner Institutions listed (Drexel University; Rochester Institute of Technology; Johnson & Wales University; University of Cincinnati; Kettering University; University of Toledo; Wentworth Institute of Technology).

Required Documentation: We do NOT require transcripts or recommendations. Please do not send them.

Open to DREAMers: Unknown

Scholarship Deadline: February 15, 2015 (Clarkson and Johnson and Wales deadline is February 1, 2015)

February

Scholarship Name: Northwestern University Good Neighbor, Great University Scholarship

Website: <http://bit.ly/NorthwesternScholarship>

Scholarship Description: Northwestern University will offer this scholarship to incoming admitted freshmen who graduate from high schools in Evanston and Chicago. The new Good Neighbor, Great University Scholarship Program will begin with the freshman class. The scholarships will replace student loans, as well as earnings from summer and work-study jobs that students normally must contribute to the cost of their education.

Scholarship Award Amount: \$1,000 to \$12,300 **Renewable:** Yes **Number of Years Renewable:** 4

Scholarship Qualifications: Eligibility is based on demonstrated institutional financial need

Required Documentation: Application to Northwestern

- FAFSA (February 15th deadline for regular decision applicants)
- CSS Profile
- 2014 tax return forms (March 5th deadline for regular decision applicants)

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: February 15, 2015

Scholarship Name: Northeastern Illinois University Presidential Scholarship

Website: <http://bit.ly/NEIUScholarship>

Scholarship Description: The Presidential Scholarship Program attracts graduating high school seniors who demonstrate strong academic promise from the Chicago metropolitan and suburban areas. Through the support of this scholarship students are able to concentrate on their academic studies and be engaged in college life. Recipients of this scholarship major in academic fields such as business, music, social work, earth science, education, biology, and psychology just to name a few. Presidential Scholars participate in the University Honors Program, take advantage of study abroad opportunities, and are involved in a variety of student organizations on campus, which enhance their leadership skills and commitment to service learning. Scholarship covers full in-state tuition and fees and provides a book allowance for four academic years provided the recipient maintains a 3.50 GPA each year.

Scholarship Award Amount: Over \$40,000 for four years (approximate value)

Renewable: Yes **Number of Years Renewable:** 3

Scholarship Qualifications: Must be admitted to Northeastern Illinois University.

- Must have an earned composite score of 27 or higher on the ACT (or SAT score of 1220).
- Must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.35 or higher.
- Must be a graduate of an Illinois high school and be an Illinois resident.
- Must complete a scholarship application.
- Must complete essay, which can be found on the scholarship application.
- Must submit writing sample of best critical work completed during your senior year in high school.
- Must provide a résumé listing academic honors, involvement in extracurricular activities and community service, and employment.
- Include three letters of recommendation from teachers or guidance counselors.
- If selected to be a semi-finalist, students will be invited to campus for an interview with the University Scholarship Committee.
- Students who are selected to receive the scholarship are admitted into the University Honors Program.
- Recipients must maintain full-time enrollment (12 or more credit hours per semester).
- Recipients must maintain a minimum 3.50 GPA.

Required Documents: Application, résumé, one essay, one writing sample, three letters of recommendation, and high school transcript.

Open to DREAMers: Yes

Scholarship Deadline: Final deadline is February 16, 2015, early deadline is December 1, 2014.

February

Scholarship Name: One Million Degrees Scholarship

Website: <http://www.onemilliondegrees.org/>

Scholarship Description: The One Million Degrees Scholarship (OMD), formerly known as the Illinois Education Foundation Signature Scholarship, is designed to provide financial, academic and student support to low-income, high-potential community college students. IEF scholarships combine “last dollar” financial assistance along with a full set of academic support services-including mentorship, tutoring and academic advising to empower more Illinois college students to achieve their degrees and reach their full potential.

Scholarship Award Amount: The OMD Scholarship provides financial assistance through a “last-dollar” tuition assistance scholarship, which provides for any costs not covered by a student’s financial aid and through a need-based stipend of up to \$750 per semester.

Renewable: Yes **Number of Years Renewable:** 4

Scholarship Qualifications: Be enrolled or planning to enroll at one of the following community colleges: Malcolm X, Richard J. Daley, Harold Washington, Wright, Olive-Harvey, Kennedy-King, Truman, Prairie State or South Suburban.

- Be enrolled full-time for the 2015-2016 academic year and be pursuing their first degree or certificate
- Have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher
- Be U.S. citizens or legal permanent residents eligible for federal and state financial aid
- File the FAFSA
- Be highly motivated and committed to their own academic and professional success

Required Documentation: Online application with supplement materials. Please check the website for updated information.

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: Priority Deadline: February 28, 2015; Late deadline: April (Please check website for deadline details)

Scholarship Name: Phi Beta Kappa Chicagoland Area Scholarship

Website: <http://www.chooseyourfuture.org/support-scholarship/phi-beta-kappa-scholarship>

Application: <https://cps.academicworks.com/opportunities/77> (application will go live on October 27, 2014)

Scholarship Description: The Phi Beta Kappa Association of the Chicago Area (PBKACA) will offer a one-year \$5,000 scholarship (\$2,500 per semester) to an outstanding graduate from the Chicago Public Schools for continuation of his/her education in college. The scholarship will have both merit- and need-based criteria, recognizing superior academic talent, personal character, and financial need.

Scholarship Award Amount: \$5,000 **Renewable:** Possibly, depends upon the availability of funds

Scholarship Qualifications: Chicago resident; Chicago Public Schools student; ACT Score of 27 and above

Required Documentation: Application with supplemental materials. Please check the website for more details.

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: February 1, 2015

Scholarship Name: Que Lleva Café Scholarship

Website: http://www.ca-core.org/que_llueva_cafe_scholarship_program

Scholarship Description: The “Que Lleva Café” Scholarship aims to support the dreams, hopes and aspirations of college bound undocumented students so that they can earn their college education and allow for all of their hard work and sacrifice to persevere. This scholarship program strives to make a world of difference. ¡Ójala que llueva café! Website Notes: Go to “Que Lleva Café.”

Scholarship Award Amount: \$500 **Renewable:** No

Scholarship Qualifications: Must be of Chicano/Latino descent.

- Must be an undocumented student. We define an undocumented student as someone who was born outside of the U.S. but lives here without the legal permission of the federal government.
- Must be or will be a high school/GED graduate who will enroll for the first time in an accredited college or university in the U.S. or Puerto Rico for the 2015-2016 academic year. Due to limited funds, students enrolled in college after they have graduated will not be considered.
- Must demonstrate financial need.
- Must demonstrate academic potential and promise.

Required Documentation: Complete Application

Open to DREAMers: Yes

Scholarship Deadline: This scholarship has a late February deadline. Please check the website for updates.

February

Scholarship Name: University of Chicago Collegiate Scholars Program (UCCSP)

Website: <http://tinyurl.com/CSPApply2014>

Application: Will become available in January 2015

Scholarship Description: The Collegiate Scholars Program (CSP) is a three year enrichment program offered to Chicago public high school students by the University of Chicago. Ninth graders who have distinguished themselves through both academic achievement and contributions to their schools and communities are encouraged to apply for admission. Collegiate Scholars gain an early exposure to what it will be like when they attend college. Students and their families are introduced to an array of experiences that include:

- Diverse Learning Environments
- Academic Advising
- Financial Aid Advising
- Test Prep
- Research Opportunities
- Workshops and Seminars
- Cultural Arts
- Community Service
- College Tours

Scholarship Award Amount: N/A

Renewable: Unknown

How to Apply:

- Current High School Freshman at Chicago public high school (including selective enrollment, neighborhood, magnet, and charter) are eligible to apply.
- Application includes: short answer questions, essay, teacher recommendation, adult recommendation, counselor information

Open to DREAMers: Unknown

Scholarship Deadline: This program has a mid-February deadline. Please check website for updates.

Scholarship Name: Zeta Tau Zeta Diamond Dove Achievement Award

Application: <https://cps.academicworks.com/opportunities/89> (application will go live on October 27, 2014)

Scholarship Description: Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, Zeta Tau Zeta Chapter in partnership with Zeta Tau Zeta White Rose Foundation, Inc. is pleased to announce The "Diamond Dove" Achievement Awards. Awards are given to students who demonstrate the four principles of: Scholarship, Service, Sisterly Love and Finer Womanhood.

Scholarship Award Amount: \$500 - \$1,000 **Renewable:** Yes **Number of Years Renewable:** 4

Scholarship Qualifications:

- African American female student residing in Illinois
- Graduating high school senior
- Pursuing a full time undergraduate, academic bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university
- Beginning college freshman as of the 2015 Fall semester
- Cumulative unweighted GPA of 3.0 or higher

Required Documentation:

- Completed scholarship application, Typed essay (2 pages maximum),
- 2 professional letters of recommendation, Current, valid high school transcript ACT/SAT Scores
- Current picture (non-returnable)

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: February 7, 2015

March

Scholarship Name: AKA Imani Pearls Community Development Foundation Scholarship

Website: <http://chooseyourfuture.org/resource/aka-imani-pearls-scholarship>

Application: <https://cps.academicworks.com/opportunities/5> (application will go live on October 27, 2014)

Scholarship Description: The Imani Pearls Community Development Foundation is pleased to offer scholarships to high school seniors and continuing undergraduate college students from the Englewood, Bronzeville, Hyde Park, Grand Boulevard, or Washington Park community. The purpose of this scholarship is to provide financial assistance to African-American high school and college students to assist them with achieving their academic goals.

Scholarship Award Amount: \$1,000 **Renewable:** No

Scholarship Qualifications:

- Have an unweighted 2.8 grade point average or higher
- Proof of at least 30 hours of community service
- Attend a high school in the Englewood, Hyde Park, Bronzeville, Grand Boulevard, or Washington Park community

Required Documentation: A completed scholarship application

- Submission of a typed essay (500 words/one page)
- Topic: Discuss how you will serve and/or positively impact your local community, or an under served Chicago community, upon completion of your academic goals.
- Three letters of recommendation written during the current academic year (2014-2015)
- The most recent (sealed) official transcript
- Proof of an acceptance letter to college or university

Open to DREAMers: Unknown

Scholarship Deadline: This scholarship has a March deadline. Please check the website in the spring for details.

Scholarship Name: Blacks at Microsoft Scholarship

Website: <http://www.microsoft.com/about/diversity/en/us/programs/blacks-scholarships.aspx>

Application: Will become available after January 1, 2015

Scholarship Description: Blacks at Microsoft (BAM) is a company-sponsored employee network dedicated to supporting the continued growth and development of black employees at Microsoft Corporation. This year, BAM will award two US\$5,000 scholarships to outstanding high-school seniors who are interested in pursuing careers in technology. The scholarships are renewable, so winners who continue to meet the criteria can receive an annual \$5,000 award for up to four years.

Scholarship Award Amount: \$5,000 **Renewable:** Yes **Number of Years Renewable:** 4

Scholarship Qualifications: Be a high-school senior of African descent (for example, African-American, African, or Ethiopian).

- Plan to attend a four-year college or university in the fall of the year following high-school graduation.
- Plan to pursue a bachelor's degree in engineering, computer science, computer information systems, or select business programs (such as finance, business administration, or marketing).
- Demonstrate a passion for technology.
- Demonstrate leadership at school or in the community.
- Have a cumulative GPA of 3.3 or higher.
- Require financial assistance to attend college.

Required Documentation: Official Application

- Two letters of recommendation
- Resume with extracurricular activities, honors, awards, and work experience (remember, interest in technology is considered!)
- Picture of yourself
- Official Transcript
- Two Essays

Open to DREAMers: Yes

Scholarship Deadline: Mail your completed application to the address below by March 1, 2015. You will receive a response by April 15, 2015.

The Seattle Foundation
c/o BAM Scholarship
1200 5th Avenue, Ste. 1300
Seattle, WA 98101

March

Scholarship Name: Chicago Summer Business Institute

Website: <http://www.chicagobusinessinstitute.com/how-to-apply/>

Application: <https://cps.academicworks.com/opportunities/188> (application will go live on October 27, 2014)

Scholarship Description: CSBI is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit charitable organization (Illinois Corporation) which provides paid summer internships, business and financial literacy education and scholarships to Chicago high school students. It is not simply a matter of giving a student a job – it's an opportunity to positively influence a young life.

Scholarship Award Amount: Paid summer internship **Renewable:** No

Scholarship Qualifications: Sophomore or Junior, must participate in a CSBI Workshop, 3.0 GPA, resident of the City of Chicago and Student must have an annual family income of \$60,000 a year or less

Required Documentation: Valid Social Security Card, parent/guardian must sign Certificate of Income Verification Form, and two essays

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: March 31, 2015

March

Scholarship Name: Chicago Urban League Scholarship

Website: <http://www.thechicagourbanleague.org/Page/391> **Application:** Will become available online December 9, 2014

Scholarship Description: A unique aspect of the program is assistance in the applicant review and awardee selection process by members of the CUL Education Advisory Committee's Scholarship Program Committee, who are professionals in the fields of education, business, civic leadership and labor. Website notes: Go to "project next" and select "Education." Click on "Scholarships."

Scholarship Award Amount: Awards from \$1,000-\$4,000 **Renewable:** No

Scholarship Qualifications: Have participated in Chicago Urban League programs

- Must be a minority, possess a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale)
- Demonstrate financial need
- Meet student status requirements for specific awards

Required Documentation: Completed scholarship application with a photograph

- One typed essay
- One letter of recommendation (non-family member)
- Official transcript of grades (most recent high school transcript for seniors or college students)
- Student Aid Report (SAR), Proof of current enrollment or acceptance in a college/university
- Proof of financial status/income (most recent tax returns or proof of SSI, public aid, or unemployment)

Open to DREAMers: Yes

Scholarship Deadline: March 28, 2015

Scholarship Name: The Colonel Henry Crown Scholarship Fund (Junior Achievement)

Website: <http://www.jachicago.org/our-programs/high-school/scholarship-and-award-winners/>

Application: Will become available at the end of November or beginning of December

Scholarship Description: The fund will be used to provide a scholarship program for qualified Chicago area youth and will be administered by Junior Achievement.

Scholarship Award Amount: \$5,000 **Renewable:** Yes **Number of Years Renewable:** 4

Scholarship Qualifications: Applicants must have participated in a Junior Achievement high school program and be recommended by their teacher and/or business volunteer. Applicants must have had an average of 3.0 on a scale of 4.0 or better, beginning in their sophomore year in high school, and shall furnish a complete, signed transcript of past and current high school class work.

Required Documentation: Signed transcript of past and current high school class work

- SAT, ACT or PSAT college entrance exams shall be included, if available
- A letter of recommendation from the principal, counselor or teacher of the school he/she attended
- Applicants should submit a personal essay, enumerating his/her reasons for desiring to continue their education, along with a short biography including extracurricular activities, community service, and how involvement with Junior Achievement has affected their life. Applicants will be selected on an objective and non-discriminatory basis.
- Applications should, if possible, include evidence of acceptance or tentative acceptance at an institution of higher learning of their choice.

Open to DREAMers: Yes

Scholarship Deadline: March 16, 2015

March

Scholarship Name: CRCA Scholarship

Website: http://www.crca.org/crca_scholarship/index.htm **Application:** Will become available online mid December

Scholarship Description: The Chicago Roofing Contractors Association will award at least one \$3,000 renewable scholarship to a high school senior who will enter college in September each year in the following programs – liberal arts and sciences, engineering, architecture or business. The scholarship recipient will be selected on the basis of academic performance, faculty recommendation, extracurricular activities, employment experience, and a demonstrated interest in a productive career.

Scholarship Award Amount: \$3,000 **Renewable:** Yes **Number of Years Renewable:** 4

Scholarship Qualifications: High school seniors provisionally accepted as full-time students into undergraduate degree programs by four year accredited colleges for the following fields of study - liberal arts and sciences, engineering, architecture or business.

- United States citizens residing in Illinois Counties: Boone, Cook, DeKalb, DuPage, Grundy, Kane, Kankakee, Kendall, Lake, McHenry, Stephenson, Will or Winnebago.
- ACT composite of 29 or greater

Required Documentation: A completed 3-page application form

- Two completed Personal Reference Forms. One from a high school faculty member/guidance counselor; the second is to be from a non-related adult outside the high school faculty. No other recommendations should be attached.
- An official transcript of all high school records.
- Official ACT Results (either directly from ACT or included on high school transcript or a photocopy of the ACT score accompanied by a letter of authenticity from high school guidance counselor)

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: March 6, 2015

Scholarship Name: Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Scholarship - Chicago Alumnae Chapter

Website: <http://chooseyourfuture.org/support-scholarship/delta-sigma-theta-scholarship>

Application: <https://cps.academicworks.com/opportunities/17> (application will go live on October 27, 2014)

Scholarship Description: Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is a public service sorority founded in 1913. Each year, the Chicago Alumnae Chapter awards academic scholarships to select high school seniors who will attend a four-year college or university. To qualify, the applicant cannot be related to a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated. There is no citizenship requirement.

Scholarship Award Amount: Varies **Renewable:** Varies

Scholarship Qualifications: African-American graduating senior during the academic year 2014 - 2015.

- Student must be a resident of Chicago and a CPS student.
- Minimum GPA of 2.5 and evidence of leadership opportunities
- Attend one of the high schools selected for the academic calendar year.
- Must demonstrate financial need, and evidence the award will help close a manageable gap in aid.
- Applications from other high schools will not be considered - no exceptions.

Required Documentation: Official transcript; Personal statement; 3 letters of recommendation; ACT/SAT scores; FAFSA/SAR; proof of attendance to a 4-year institution

Alcott	Lake View	North-Grand	Steinmetz
Amundsen	Lane Tech	North Side College Prep	Sullivan
ASPIRA-Early College	Lincoln Park	Orr	Taft
ASPIRA-Mirta Ramirez	Marine Academy	Payton College Prep	Uplift
Chicago Academy	Mather	Phoenix Military Academy	Von Steuben
CICS-Northtown	Noble Street- Golder	Prosser	Wells High School
Chicago Math & Science	Noble Street- Muchin	Raby	Westinghouse
Clemente	Noble Street- Pritzker	Rickover Naval Academy	Whitney M. Young
DeVry Academy	Noble Street- Rauner	Roosevelt	
Foreman	Noble Street- Rowe-Clark	Schurz	
Kelvyn Park	Noble Street Charter	Senn	

Open to DREAMers: Yes, if they meet the ethnicity requirement

Scholarship Deadline: March 1, 2015

March

Scholarship Name: Education for Excellence Scholarship

Website: <http://www.educate4excel.org/apply/apply.html>

Application: <https://cps.academicworks.com/opportunities/50> (application will go live on October 27, 2014)

Scholarship Description: Education for Excellence Scholarship Foundation, Inc. The "Foundation" will provide at least two (2) monetary awards to selective Chicago Public Schools High School seniors who meet the requirements of the Foundation's application process. The purpose of the monetary award is to assist the student with the expense and financial obligations of college attendance. The scholarships will be publicized through the internet and print media.

Scholarship Award Amount: \$1,000 **Renewable:** No

Scholarship Qualifications:

- Be a senior high school student attending a Chicago Public High School
- Possess a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 (unweighted) on a 4.0 scale

Required Documentation: Complete and submit the Education for Excellence Scholarship Foundation application packet:

- A. Upload two type-written essays (no more than 3 pages each, 12 font, Times New Roman Style, double-spaced). Essay topics will be provided in online application.
- B. Submit one letter of recommendation: The letter may come from a teacher or counselor who can account for the Applicant's academics who has known the applicant one year or more OR from an adult who has known the Applicant for at least two years and who is not a family member. This person should be able to comment on the Applicant's personal growth and achievements; must include recommender's contact info.
- C. Your 2014-2015 official transcript

Open to DREAMers: Yes

Scholarship Deadline: March 1, 2015

Scholarship Name: Ernest Wentcher Educational Fund Scholarship

Website: <http://www.chooseyourfuture.org/support-scholarship/wentcher-educational-fund-scholarship>

Application: <https://cps.academicworks.com/opportunities/59> (application will go live on October 27, 2014)

Scholarship Description: The Wentcher Foundation is proud to have awarded 139 scholarships over the past 12 years to a highly talented and diverse group of seniors from CPS high schools across the Chicago. Selection is based on talent, need and character. Wentcher Scholars may attend any accredited US college or university. Please note: this scholarship does not cover study abroad.

Scholarship Award Amount: \$7,500 per year **Renewable:** Yes **Number of Years Renewable:** 4

Scholarship Qualifications: Minimum GPA of 3.0 or higher, include class rank (if available); Composite ACT of 20

Required Documentation: Completed Wentcher Scholarship Application

- Two letters of recommendation: Suggested reference letters come from a teacher, counselor, or college and career coach.
- CPS transcript (unofficial copies are accepted)
- ACT and/or SAT scores
- Essay describing "Why I Should Receive a Wentcher Scholarship"
- Student Aid Report (SAR). SAR is issued as a result of the submission of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form. Please note: applicants must complete an FAFSA form on or soon after January 1, 2015 in order to receive a SAR in time for submitting your Wentcher Application before the deadline. Go to www.fafsa.gov to complete the FAFSA form.

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: March 1, 2015, or until the first 350 online applications are received.

March

Scholarship Name: Foster Care to Success

Website: <http://www.fc2success.org/our-programs/information-for-students/>

Application: Will become available online after January 1, 2015

Scholarship Description: Foster Care to Success (FC2S) scholarships are awarded based on a combination of merit and need, and funding levels are determined based on cost of attendance and availability of other resources.

Scholarship Award: Ranges from \$1,500 to \$6,000 per academic year **Renewable:** Yes **Number of Years Renewable:** Up to 5 years

Scholarship Qualifications: Have been in foster care or orphaned while living in the United States. U.S. citizenship is not required.

- Have been accepted into or expect to be accepted into an accredited, Pell-eligible college or other post-secondary school.
- Be under the age of 25 on March 31 of the year in which they first apply. (March 31, 2015)
- Have been in public or private foster care for the 12 consecutive months prior to their 18th birthday; OR have been adopted or placed into legal guardianship from foster care after their 16th birthday; OR they must have been orphaned for at least one year at the time of their 18th birthday.

Open to DREAMers: Yes

Scholarship Deadline: March 31, 2015

Scholarship Name: Future Scholars Scholarship

Website: <http://www.iotaphisigma.com/2014/category/futures-scholars-fund/>

Application: Will become available online in late December

Scholarship Description: Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated, Iota Phi Sigma chapter is pleased to announce the "Future Scholars" Scholarship. The Future Scholars Scholarship will be presented to eligible graduating African-American male high school seniors.

Scholarship Award Amount: \$1,000 **Renewable:** No

Scholarship Qualifications: Graduating African-American male high school senior and Illinois residency

- Must be pursuing a full-time undergraduate degree
- Enrolled college freshman as of Fall 2015
- Cumulative, unweighted GPA of 2.75 or higher

Required Documentation: Most current transcript

- Completed scholarship application
- Two (2) official letters of recommendation
- Typed essay (two-page maximum)
- ACT/SAT scores

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: This scholarship has an early to mid-March deadline. Please check website for updates.

March

Scholarship Name: Gread "Lefty" McKinnis Memorial Scholarship

Website: <http://www.chooseyourfuture.org/support-scholarship/gread-lefty-mckinnis-memorial-foundation-scholarship>

Application: <https://cps.academicworks.com/opportunities/62> (application will go live on October 27, 2014)

Scholarship Description: The Gread "Lefty" McKinnis Memorial Foundation (GLMMF) was established in 2005. GLMMF is dedicated in memory of former Negro League pitcher, Gread "Lefty" McKinnis. GLMMF is a non-profit 501(c) 3 corporation established to promote and extend the spirit of love, by aiding, building and uplifting the underprivileged through the gift of giving. Additional Requirements: Chicago resident; community service or civic involvement considered.

Scholarship Award Amount: \$1,000

Renewable: No

Scholarship Qualifications:

- African American male who is a U.S. Citizen
- Current high school senior admitted to a two or four-year accredited college or university for Fall 2015
- Commit to attend the Scholarship Presentation Gala in June 2015

Required Documentation:

- Completed Scholarship Application
- Current Clear Color Photograph
- Signed Authorization
- Three 100-word Personal Statement Questions (all 3 questions must be answered – number each answer)
- Two Signed Letters of Recommendation (1 school personnel and 1 non-relative)
- Copy of letter of acceptance to an accredited two or four-year college/university
- Official high school transcript and ACT scores

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: March 15, 2015

Scholarship Name: Guadalupe A. Reyes Fiesta Del Sol Scholarship

Website: <http://fiestadelsol.org/scholarship/>

Application: Will become available mid-October

Scholarship Description: The scholarship committee at Pilsen Neighbors Community Council (PNCC) encourages first time college students and or undergraduates to apply for this scholarship. We strive to give students an opportunity to exercise leadership skills, learn relationship building and teamwork, by working with us at Fiesta del Sol.

Scholarship Award Amount: \$1,500

Renewable: No

Scholarship Qualifications: Be of Latino/Hispanic descent and live within the following boundaries:

- Live on the Southwest side of Chicago, between 16th to 79th streets, and between Cicero Ave., (4800 West) and Canal (500 West), OR Be a volunteer at PNCC
- Must be sponsored by member institution of Gamaliel of Metro Chicago.
- Be enrolled at an accredited college or university in an undergraduate degree-seeking, or certificate program, OR be a Senior in High school, accepted to an undergraduate, degree-seeking or certificate program
- Have earned a cumulative minimum of a 2.5 GPA (on a 4-point scale or its equivalence)
- Demonstrate community or school service and financial need.

Required Documentation: Completed application

- Two original recommendation letters on official letterhead from places where you have provided school or community service
- One letter must be from a school official
- Official high school transcript (if applicable). College students with 30 credits or more do not have to submit a high school transcript
- A copy of the applicant's 2013 federal tax form. (Parents' tax form will also be required if student is under the age of 24)
- Resume
- A copy of the 2014/15 award letter from your colleges' financial aid office
- Essay: double-spaced, typed 250-400 words

Open to DREAMers: Yes

Scholarship Deadline: March 15, 2015. Mail application and other required credentials to: University Round Table, Gamaliel of Metro Chicago, 2026 S. Blue Island Ave., Chicago, IL 60608

March

Scholarship Name: Illinois Dream Fund Scholarship

Website: <http://illinoisdreamfund.org/apply-now.html>

Application: Will become available online November 21, 2014

Scholarship Description: The Illinois Dream Fund Scholarship seeks to create access to financial resources to further this growth and development for the leaders of tomorrow. With the generous offerings of private donors and in-kind donations, the Illinois Dream Fund Scholarship provides scholarships to undocumented students.

Scholarship Award Amount: Two-year institutions: Tuition up to \$2,000. Four year institutions: Tuition up to \$6,000 (toward first Bachelors degree). Scholarship awards will be paid directly to the school and not the student.

Renewable: To be determined

Scholarship Requirements:

- Applicants must be incoming freshmen, current undergraduates and transfer students
- High school or college minimum GPA of 2.5 (on a 4.0/5.0 scale)
- Have resided with his or her parent(s) or guardian(s) while attending high school in Illinois;
- Have graduated from a high school or received the equivalent of a high school diploma (GED) in Illinois

Required Documents: Completed Application with student signature

- High School Transcript
- College Transcript(s) (if applicable)
- Parent Income Tax Return(s) or financial statement of income - signed & dated
- 2 Letters of Recommendation from non-family members who are/were your teacher, professor, counselor, school administrator or academic advisor
- Student Income Tax return or financial statement of income - signed & dated (if applicable)
- Essay(s)

Open to DREAMers: Yes

Scholarship Deadline: March 13, 2015

Scholarship Name: IPLAC Educational Foundation Scholarship

Website: <http://www.iplac.org/About/scholarship.shtml>

Application: Will become available online in November

Scholarship Description: The IPLAC Educational foundation has been organized by the Intellectual Property Law Association of Chicago for the purpose of funding and awarding scholarships to youths who reside in Chicago. Winners are chosen by April 2015. Winners must attend scholarship award dinner in May 2015.

Scholarship Award Amount: \$2,500-\$5,000

Renewable: No

Scholarship Qualifications: Be a resident of the Chicagoland Area; Be in the upper 25% of his/her graduating class; Be a Chicago Public School high school student (no charter, private or parochial schools) planning to major in science, engineering or pre-law in college.

Required Documentation: Completed application; Transcript, ACT and/or SAT scores; Letters of recommendation; Personal statement, Proposed college major, extracurricular activities, employment history, and financial information (although not tax returns)

Open to DREAMers: Yes

Scholarship Deadline: March 21, 2015

Scholarship Name: Illinois AMVETS Scholarship Program

Website: <http://www.ilamvets.org/WhatWeDo/Programs/Scholarships/tabid/120/Default.aspx>

Scholarship Description: The Illinois AMVETS Service Foundation has been awarding scholarships to Illinois high school seniors for approximately 40 years. Every year AMVETS awards one year \$1,000 non-renewable scholarships to current Illinois High School Seniors. The AMVETS and the AMVETS Subsidiary Organizations value the importance of education and support the educational pursuits of all students. Website Notes: Go to "Programs" and select "Scholarships." Additional Requirements: Must be an Illinois resident.

Scholarship Award Amount: \$1,000

Renewable: No

Scholarship Qualifications: Be an Illinois high school senior ; Have taken the ACT or SAT

Required Documentation: Application with supplement materials. Please check the website for updated information.

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: This scholarship has an early March deadline. Please check website for updates.

March

Scholarship Name: Junior Achievement of Chicago High School Scholarship

Website: <http://www.jachicago.org/our-programs/high-school/scholarship-and-award-winners/>

Application: Will become available end of November or beginning of December

Scholarship Description: Each year, JA of Chicago gives out thousands of dollars in scholarships and awards to deserving students who have participated in JA programs.

Scholarship Award Amount: \$1,000 to \$5,000 **Renewable:** No

Scholarship Qualifications: Must be a high school senior who has an average of "B" or better. For the general scholarships high school participation is not a requirement but you must have participated in a Junior Achievement program at some point during your academic career (elementary school, middle school or high school).

Required Documentation: Copy of the classroom volunteer or teacher rating scale

- Copy of the high school rating scale
- Official transcript
- SAT/ACT/PSAT results
- Letter of recommendation from your principal, teacher or counselor
- Student essay detailing your reasons for wanting to continue your education
- Short biography including extracurricular activities, community service, and how involvement with Junior Achievement has affected your life

Open to DREAMers: Yes

Scholarship Deadline: March 16, 2015

Scholarship Name: Kohl's Cares Scholarship Program (Elementary & High School Scholarship)

Website: <http://www.kohlscorporation.com/CommunityRelations/scholarship/index.asp>

Application: Available online February 1, 2015

Scholarship Description: Every year, Kohl's recognizes and rewards young volunteers (ages 6-18) across the country for their amazing contributions to their communities. Kohl's will donate \$1,000 to a non-profit organization on each winner's behalf. Additional Requirements: Award based on substantial community service. Students must be nominated.

Scholarship Award Amount: Store winners will receive a \$50.00 Kohl's Gift Card. Over two hundred \$1,000 regional scholarship awards for post-secondary education are planned, half to each age group. Ten \$10,000 national scholarships for post-secondary education.

Renewable: Yes **Number of Years Renewable:** Varies

Scholarship Qualifications: Must be between the ages of 6 and 18 and not yet a high school graduate.

- Actions must be described in detail and should document efforts above and beyond what is expected of a child his or her age.
- Volunteer efforts must have occurred in the last year.
- Winners are chosen based on the project, benefits and outcome.

Required Documentation: Complete Application; Official Transcript; Press Release Form (if selected)

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: This scholarship has a mid-March deadline. Please check the website for updates.

March

Scholarship Name: National Hook-Up of Black Women Scholarship

Website: <http://chooseyourfuture.org/resource/national-hook-black-women>

Application: <https://cps.academicworks.com/opportunities/74> (application will go live on October 27, 2014)

Scholarship Description: The Education Committee plans and implements educational programs and activities sponsored by the organization. This Committee enhances the professional development of chapter members through planned activities or workshops on various topics. It offers mentorship and advisement to current scholarship recipients to strengthen and/or enhance their educational achievements.

Scholarship Award Amount: Two scholarships: \$1,000 and \$500 **Renewable:** No

Scholarship Qualifications: African American student, male and female

- Graduating Senior (June 2015)
- Applicants will plan to attend a two-year, four-year college/university or technical/vocational schools

Required Documentation: Complete Application

- One page narrative (see prompt online)
- Transcript (unofficial)
- Proof of acceptance or submitted application
- Letter of Recommendation from school staff

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: March 31, 2015

Scholarship Name: Norwegian National League of Chicago Scholarships

Website: <http://www.nnleague.org/scholarships.html>

Application: Will become available online December 2014

Scholarship Description: One objective of the Norwegian National League is to encourage children to investigate and learn about our rich cultural heritage. Scholarships and cash prizes are available to children of Norwegian descent residing in the counties of Cook, Lake, DuPage, Kane, McHenry, Will and Kendall for award winning essays and drawings.

Scholarship Award Amount: \$1,000 **Renewable:** No

Scholarship Qualifications: Current 12th grade student; Norwegian ancestry; Minimum 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale

Required Documentation: Official High School transcript (sealed)

- Acceptance at a college or university
- 500-word essay on a Norwegian topic

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: March 1, 2015

Scholarship Name: Palumbo Family Foundation Scholarship

Website: <http://www.palumbofoundation.org/scholarship/>

Application: Will become available on January 1, 2015

Scholarship Description: The Palumbo Family Foundation strives to make a difference in our communities in the Chicagoland area by providing scholarships to well deserving students of lower income families.

Scholarship Award Amount: \$500 - \$10,000 **Renewable:** No

Scholarship Qualifications: Resided for a minimum of six months prior to application date in Cook, Dosage, Kane, Lake, and Will Counties of Illinois; A 2013 annual adjusted gross family income of \$44,700 or less; GPA of 3.0 or higher; U.S. Citizen.

Required Documentation: IRS 1040 tax form for 2014, showing a combined household adjusted gross income of \$44,700 or less

- Current complete transcript(s) of grades (including grading scale) or GED test scores
- Two or more letters of recommendation from a faculty member
- Proof of Citizenship

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: March 31, 2015

March

Scholarship Name: QBG Foundation Scholarship

Website: <http://qbgfoundation.org/qbg-foundation-college-scholarship-candidate-criteria/>

Application: <https://cps.academicworks.com/opportunities/80> (application will go live on October 27, 2014)

Scholarship Description: The Quentis Bernard Garth Scholarship Foundation provides scholarships to the disenfranchised, college-bound youths of the Chicagoland area. Students must reside in the Chicagoland area, have a letter of acceptance to accredited four-year HBCU college or university and demonstrate financial need.

Scholarship Award Amount: Up to \$10,000 per year **Renewable:** Yes **Number of Years Renewable:** 4

Scholarship Qualifications: Students must possess a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better to apply.

- Students must be motivated college-bound high school seniors, and must reside in the greater Chicagoland area.
- A letter of acceptance to and will be attending an accredited four-year college or university.
- Students must demonstrate a financial need.
- All qualified students will be requested to appear in person for an interview, where they must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

Required Documentation: Applicants must first submit a one-page letter of interest (LOI) describing their interest, accomplishments and ambitions behind receiving a QBG scholarship.

Open to DREAMers: Unknown

Scholarship Deadline: March 31, 2015

Scholarship Name: QuestBridge's College Prep Scholarship

Website: <http://www.questbridge.org/for-students/cps-how-to-apply>

Application: Will become available online mid-February 2015

Scholarship Description: The QuestBridge College Prep Scholarship provides unparalleled opportunities that level the playing field of college admissions for high-achieving low-income students. Applicants selected as College Prep Scholars will receive one or more of the following awards designed to help prepare them for the college application process:

- Full Scholarships to Summer Programs at Leading Universities
- National College Admissions Conference Invitations
- One-on-One College Admissions Counseling
- All-Expense-Paid College Visits
- Telementoring with College Students

Scholarship Award Amount: Varies - award are college prep, non-monetary awards. **Renewable:** N/A

Scholarship Qualifications: The QuestBridge College Prep Scholarship is designed for high school juniors who have shown outstanding academic ability despite facing economic challenges. Most College Prep Scholars come from households earning less than \$60,000 annually for a family of four and have experienced long-term economic hardship.

In order to be eligible to apply, students must be juniors who are planning to apply to college during the fall of their senior year.

Required Documentation: An online application including an essay and short answer questions

- A current high school transcript
- Any available test scores
- Information on your family's financial background (you will need tax forms and possibly pay stubs and bank account statements to complete the required questions, but these materials do not need to be submitted to QuestBridge)
- One letter of recommendation from a high school teacher, submitted online

Open to DREAMers: Yes

Scholarship Deadline: This scholarship has a late March deadline. Please check the website for updates.

March

Scholarship Name: Through the Looking Glass Scholarship

Website: <http://www.lookingglass.org/services/national-services/scholarships>

Application: Will become available online after January 1, 2015

Scholarship Description: Through the Looking Glass and its National Center for Parents with Disabilities and their Families are pleased to announce new scholarships specifically for high school seniors or college students who have parents with disabilities.

Scholarship Award Amount: Total of fifteen \$1,000 scholarships **Renewable:** No

Scholarship Qualifications: To be eligible, a student must be a high school graduate (or graduating senior) by Summer 2015, planning to attend accredited vocational or technical school in Fall 2015 in pursuit of an AA, BA or BS degree, and have at least one parent with a disability.

Required Documentation: Completed application

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: March 17, 2015

Scholarship Name: Worldstudio AIGA Scholarship

Website: <http://scholarships.worldstudioinc.com/> **Application:** Will become available online in January 2015

Scholarship Description: Worldstudio Foundation, in conjunction with AIGA, the professional association for design, provides scholarships to minority and economically disadvantaged students who are studying design and arts disciplines in colleges and universities in the United States. To this end, scholarship recipients are selected not only for their ability and need, but also for their demonstrated commitment to positive change in the larger community through their work.

Scholarship Award Amount: Basic scholarships are awarded in the amounts of \$2,000–\$3,000. One or two top awards may be given in an amount up to \$5,000 at the jury's discretion. Each award is paid directly to the recipient's school and applied toward tuition.

Renewable: No

Scholarship Qualifications: Applicants must be citizens of the United States or be in possession of a Green Card (formally known as a Permanent Resident Card or Form I-551).

- Applicants must be pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree in a design or art discipline listed below and intend to pursue that discipline as a career.
- Applicants must be matriculated (or planning to matriculate) at accredited colleges and universities in the United States for the Fall 2015/Spring 2016 academic year and must maintain full-time status for the entire year.
- Incoming students who have yet to enroll must submit proof of acceptance from schools of choice.
- Though not a requirement, minority status is a significant factor that is considered in jury decisions.
- Students must have at least a 2.0 GPA.
- Scholarships are only awarded to students who are in financial need; applicants must, therefore, provide complete financial aid information on the scholarship form and have the form signed by a financial aid officer.

Required Documentation:

1. Completed Application
2. Portfolio: All work must be in the discipline in which you are pursuing a degree. If you are an incoming freshman you can show examples of any creative work that you have. Must demonstrate work that contributes to positive social change.
 - Please submit up to 10 examples of your work. You must include at least 5 examples.
 - All students — except those entering Interactive Design/ Motion Graphics — must provide static artwork or images.
 - No animations/movies/interactive will be accepted online, you can mail these to us.
 - Do not send duplicate artwork on disk if it is online.
 - Please carefully follow the instructions below to insure you provide the best possible portfolio.
3. Self-portrait: All students will need to upload a self-portrait. The portraits will be used for archival and promotional purposes. Follow the same instructions outlined for portfolio images.
4. Financial information (FAFSA)
5. School transcripts
6. References

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: This scholarship has a late - March deadline. Please check the website for updates.

March

Scholarship Name: Youth In Scholarship

Website and Application: <http://www.youthincare.illinois.gov/Education/YouthInScholarship.htm>

Scholarship Description: The DCFS Scholarship Program provides a maximum of 48 scholarships each year, four of which are awarded to children of veterans, to youth the Department has court-ordered legal responsibility for, youth that the Department had legal responsibility for prior to the youth's adoption being finalized, or youth that are in the Subsidized Guardianship or KinGap Program. Scholarship recipients receive up to four consecutive years of tuition and academic fee waivers to be used at participating Illinois state community colleges and universities, a monthly stipend and a medical card.

Scholarship Award Amount: \$471 provided each month for up to four (4) years. Direct deposit is strongly recommended.

Medical card provided to Illinois students until the earlier of four years or age 23

Tuition waiver available to any Illinois state fund

Renewable: Yes **Number of Years Renewable:** 4

Scholarship Qualifications: Open to DCFS youth as well as youth who were formerly in the care of DCFS who are at least 16 years old, but not yet 21 on the scholarship application deadline date of March 31

- The Department must have court-ordered legal guardianship for the applicant or the Department must have had legal guardianship for the applicant prior to the adoption being finalized, or the applicant must be in the Subsidized Guardianship Program.
- Successfully compete for a full-term DCFS college scholarship.
- Maintain at least a "C" average each semester.
- Maintain full-time status (12 hours Fall & Spring, 6 hours or an approved internship in the summer)
- Enrollment will be verified through the National Student Clearinghouse
- Submit your class schedule at the start of each semester and your grades at the end of the semester (no schedule and grades, no payment!)
- Report change of address promptly to Business Office

Required Documentation: Three letters of reference; Essays

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: March 31, 2015

April

Scholarship Name: AKArma Foundation, Inc. Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority

Website: <https://thetaomega.com/scholarships/>

Scholarship Description: Scholarship awarded to qualified minority high school student.

Scholarship Award Amount: \$500 - \$3,000 **Renewable:** Varies

Scholarship Qualifications: Must be a 2015 graduating senior attending a Chicago Metropolitan Area High School planning to attend an accredited four-year college or university in the summer or fall of 2015. Must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale and minimum ACT of 18 or above. Must show proof of acceptance to and enrollment in an accredited four-year college or university before the scholarship is awarded.

Required Documentation: Completed application form

- Two (2) copies of typed essay on given topic
- Two (2) letters of recommendation
- Official sealed high school transcript with raised seal

Open to DREAMers: Yes

Scholarship Deadline: This scholarship's has an April deadline. Please check website in the spring for updates.

Scholarship Name: Blind Service Association Scholarship

Website: <http://bit.ly/BlindServiceAssociationScholarship> **Application:** Available in early January 15, 2015

Scholarship Description: Every year Blind Service Association awards 20 to 30 scholarships, to young people planning to attend a professional school, college, or university. Applications are judged according to academic merit and evidence of community service. Interested individuals must reside in Cook, DuPage, Will, Lake, McHenry or Kane counties in the state of Illinois.

Scholarship Award Amount: \$750- \$3,000 **Renewable:** No

Scholarship Qualifications: A recent eye report (no older than 2 years), certifying legal blindness. There are no other requirements for this scholarship.

Required Documentation: Two letters of recommendation from past instructors or other academic professionals who can comment on your scholastic or other achievements. Repeat applicants need only submit one letter of recommendation.

- An autobiographical essay, as described on the last page of the application. Past recipients must submit a summary of precisely how past funded scholarship money was spent.
- Official transcripts of grades from most recent school or schools.
- Proof of your acceptance in an accredited educational institution is required.
- A recent eye report (no older than 2 years), certifying legal blindness.
- Valid state identification

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: April 1, 2015

Scholarship Name: Chicago Public Schools UNCF Scholarship

Website: <http://chooseyourfuture.org/support-scholarship/uncf-and-cps-scholarship-program>

Application: <https://cps.academicworks.com/opportunities/32> (application will go live on October 27, 2014)

Scholarship Description: The Chicago Public Schools UNCF Scholarship provides 4-year renewable scholarships to CPS high school seniors who have a demonstrated financial need, academic leadership potential and plan to attend one of the 38 UNCF member colleges or universities.

Scholarship Award Amount: Up to \$10,000 based on need **Renewable:** Yes **Number of Years Renewable:** 4

Scholarship Qualifications: Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5/4.0

- Minimum ACT of 17; Senior attending a Chicago Public School; Must graduate by June 2015
- Must attend a UNCF member institution (list of institutions on website)

Required Documentation: Letters of recommendation

- Official Transcript
- Must participate in an interview if selected as a finalist
- Letter of acceptance to UNCF college (at time of interview if selected as a finalist)

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: April 1, 2015

April

Scholarship Name: Coalition of Black Trade Unionists Scholarship

Website: <http://cbtu.org/bell%20ball.php>

Application: Will become available in January 2015

Scholarship Description: Each year CBTU awards ten scholarships to high school and college students in the names of two men who exemplified union activism and a thirst for knowledge.

Scholarship Award Amount: \$2,000 **Renewable:** Varies

Scholarship Qualifications: Must have written evidence of acceptance and or attendance at an accredited college/university. College student must have a "C" average GPA among other criteria. This will be a determining factor in the selection process. Among other requirements, students must submit a typewritten essay on given topic of no less than 300 words. Application forms and more scholarship information are available from CBTU's national office. Write: CBTU Office, P.O. Box 66268, Washington, DC 20035-6268.

Required Documentation: Undergraduate scholarship application

- An official copy of SAT or ACT scores
- Official school transcript and a photograph
- Three letters of recommendation from people other than relatives, dated and addressed to the CBTU Scholarship Committee

Open to DREAMers: Unknown

Scholarship Deadline: This scholarship's application is due the first week of April. Check the website for details and essay topic.

Scholarship Name: Chicago Engineers Foundation

Website: <http://www.chicagoengineersfoundation.org/applications>

Application: <https://cps.academicworks.com/opportunities/23> (application will go live on October 27, 2014)

Scholarship Description: To encourage the study of Engineering, the Chicago Engineers' Foundation of the Union League Club offers incentive awards of \$800 to year 2015 Chicago high school graduating seniors who have been admitted to an engineering program at an accredited college of engineering, and who intend to enroll in the Fall of 2015. Last year, incentive awards were made to over 30 graduating senior students from over 15 high schools in the City of Chicago. This award is renewable, throughout the student's four years of college, provided that the student remains in good standing in an engineering program. Students may receive about \$5,000 in incentive awards during their college careers.

Scholarship Award Amount: \$800. **Renewable:** Yes **Number of Years Renewable:** 4

Scholarship Qualifications:

- Graduating senior in high school in the city of Chicago
- Accepted to 4 year accredited engineering school
- Minimum ACT score of 21 (or SAT equivalent)
- Brief statement of goals
- Endorsement of Guidance Counselor
- Social Security Number (at time of receipt of award)

Required Documentation: Complete Application, copy of letter of acceptance to an accredited four-year college/university engineering program, high school transcript, Expected Family Contribution (EFC) from 2014-2015 FAFSA. For a complete list, visit the CEF website.

Open to DREAMers: Only those who have completed the Deferred Action process (also known as DACA) and have obtained a SSN are eligible to apply

Scholarship Deadline: April 24, 2015

April

Scholarship Name: Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute Scholarship Program

Website: <http://www.chci.org/scholarships/>

Application: Will become available in September 2014

Scholarship Description: The Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute scholarship opportunities are afforded to Latino students in the United States who have a history of performing public service-oriented activities in their communities and who demonstrate a desire to continue their civic engagement in the future. There is no Grade Point Average (GPA) or academic major requirement. Apply if you consider yourself to be a student with excellent leadership potential.

Scholarship Award Amount: \$1,000; \$2,500; \$5,000 (Varies depending on degree obtained) **Renewable:** No

Scholarship Qualifications: Full-time enrollment in a United States Department of Education accredited community college, four-year university, or graduate/professional program during the period for which scholarship is requested

- Demonstrated financial need
- Consistent, active participation in public and/or community service activities
- Strong writing skills
- U.S. citizenship or legal permanent residency

Required Documentation: Application with supplemental materials (please check the website for updated information).

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: April 16, 2015

Scholarship Name: CRC Scholarship

Website: http://chicagoroofing.org/Chicagoland_Roofing_Scholarship/CRC_Scholarship_Overview.asp

Application: Will be available in mid-December

Scholarship Description: The Chicagoland Roofing Council will provide a maximum \$2,000 scholarship to a 2015 high school graduate who is a dependent of a Local 11 Contractor, dependent of a Local 11 Contractor's staff either in the office or field or a member of Local #11. The award can be used towards the cost of an accredited four year college or university, community college or a vocational training center.

Scholarship Amount: \$2,000 **Renewable:** up to 3 more years with a minimum GPA of 2.75.

Scholarship Qualifications: No ACT requirement

Open to DREAMers: Unknown

Scholarship Deadline: April 3, 2015

Scholarship Name: Darius A. Felton Scholarship

Website: <http://daffoundation.8m.com/>

Scholarship Description: Darius A. Felton was a young man that was courageous, compassionate and free spirited. His captivating smile and vibrant personality was adored by many. On his 15th birthday of August 2002, Darius was the victim of a violent murder in his community. For this reason we believe that if we change lives today, it will make a different tomorrow for a lot of children that live in our communities. Because of his unconditional love, we as his family wanted to keep a part of him alive and continue to share Darius A. Felton with the world. Additional Requirements: Must be Chicago resident.

Scholarship Award Amount: \$500/4 awards **Renewable:** No

Scholarship Qualifications: This scholarship is for Chicago Public Schools (CPS) high school seniors who have a minimum 2.5 GPA. To qualify for this scholarship applicants must have been accepted to and attend college in the upcoming fall semester. Applicants must show proof of acceptance to their selected college or university. To apply for this scholarship, applicants must write an essay of no more than 500 words on one of three given topics.

Required Documentation: Application and required documentations. Check website for updates.

Open to DREAMers: Unknown

Scholarship Deadline: April 30, 2015

April

Scholarship Name: Doty E. Nash Educational Assistance Scholarship

Website: <http://www.kingdavid100.com/educationscholarship.htm>

Application: <https://cps.academicworks.com/opportunities/47> (application will go live on October 27, 2014)

Scholarship Description: The brothers of King David Lodge #100, a subordinate lodge of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, State of Illinois and its Jurisdiction, are proud to announce its first annual Doty E. Nash Educational Assistance Scholarship. Doty E. Nash was a member of King David Lodge #100, where he served as Worshipful Master (President) in 1959. Because of his numerous professional and personal accomplishments, the title of Honorary Past Grand Master was bestowed upon him, one of the highest honors a Master Mason can receive. The objective of this Educational Assistance Fund is to provide financial support to incoming college freshman who exhibit a diligent commitment to fulfill life's goals through education.

Scholarship Award Amount: \$1,000 **Renewable:** No

Scholarship Qualifications: Be a graduating senior at a Chicago or suburban public or private high school.

Required Documentation: Submit official high school transcripts

- Submit ACT / SAT Scores
- Complete an Application Profile (available on our website)
- Submit a typewritten argumentative essay (450 to 500 words maximum) on the given topic provided on the website
- Supply three (3) letters of recommendation. The letters of recommendation shall attest to the applicant's character and commitment to higher education
- Submit an official acceptance letter from an accredited college or university

Open to DREAMers: Unknown

Scholarship Deadline: April 1, 2015

Scholarship Name: Edward G. Irvin Foundation Scholarship

Website: <http://www.chicagoalumni.org/index.php/programs/egif-scholarship>

Application: <https://cps.academicworks.com/opportunities/56> (application will go live on October 27, 2014)

Scholarship Description: The Edward G. Irvin scholarship is provided through the Kappa Alpha Psi foundation. It is awarded to graduating male high school seniors and designed to supplement some of the student's extra collegiate expenses (i.e. books and fees). The award is given annually to deserving high school students throughout the United States.

Scholarship Award Amount: \$5,000 total for four years (\$1,250 per year)

Renewable: Yes **Number of Years Renewable:** 4

Scholarship Qualifications: Graduating high school male of African-American descent;

- Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale);
- Completion of ACT and/or SAT standard exam; and
- Active participation in extracurricular activities and/or community service programs

Required Documentation: Completed application

- Two letters of recommendation
- 300-word autobiography
- Official transcript
- All other documentation as outlined on scholarship application

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: April 10, 2015

April

Scholarship Name: The Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes

Website: <http://barronprize.org/how-nominate>

Application: Nomination forms will become available January 2, 2015

Scholarship Description: Each year, the Barron Prize honors twenty-five outstanding young leaders ages 8 to 18 who have made a significant positive difference to people and our environment. The top ten winners each receive a \$5,000 cash award to support their service work or higher education. The primary goal of the Prize is to shine the spotlight on these amazing young people so that their stories will inspire others.

Scholarship Award Amount: \$5,000 to be applied to their higher education or to their service project

Renewable: Unknown

Required Documentation: Nomination form

Open to DREAMers: Unknown

Scholarship Deadline: April 15, 2015

Scholarship Name: Illinois Restaurant Association Educational Foundation

Website: <http://www.illinoisrestaurants.org/?page=IRAEFScholarships>

Application: Will become available online in September 22, 2014

Scholarship Description: You must be accepted and plan to enroll in an accredited culinary school, college or university, and major in a culinary, restaurant management or food service related program. Website notes: Go to "Education Foundation" on the left. Click "Scholarships & Career Mentoring." Additional Requirements: Be a permanent resident of the State of Illinois.

Scholarship Award Amount: \$500 to \$5,000+

Renewable: No

Scholarship Qualifications: Be accepted and plan to enroll in an accredited culinary school, college or university

- Enrolled as a full-time or substantial part-time student, taking a minimum of 9 credit hours each term.
- Major in a culinary, restaurant management or food service related program

Required Documentation: Signed hard copy of application (typed and fully complete)

- Official transcripts; One essay (250 words maximum); Two signed recommendation forms; one from an employer or industry professional, one from an instructor in the restaurant and or food service industry must be included; Photo honors and achievements; A copy of your college curriculum (from your college catalog) with the number of credit hours detailed. Please do NOT include the entire catalog.
- A copy of the letter telling you that you have been accepted at a culinary school, college or university.
- Verification of work experience.

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: April 17, 2015

Scholarship Name: Jack and Jill of America, Inc. Windy City Scholars

Website: <http://chooseyourfuture.org/resource/windy-city-scholarship>

Application: <https://cps.academicworks.com/opportunities/65> (application will go live on October 27, 2014)

Scholarship Description: The Jack and Jill of America Foundation's National Scholarship Program is available to high school seniors who will become and maintain full-time status at an accredited, four year post secondary institution beginning in the fall of the year working toward a bachelor's degree.

Scholarship Award Amount: \$2,000 divided over 4 years

Renewable: Yes **Number of Years Renewable:** 4

Scholarship Qualifications: Cumulative GPA between 2.5 and 3.4 on a 4.0 scale OR Cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale

- Must reside and attend a school in Chicago
- Must attend an accredited two- or four-year college or university
- Must be a minority

Required Documentation: Completed Application; Recommendation; Personal essay; Counselor certification

Open to DREAMers: Yes

Scholarship Deadline: April 28, 2015

April

Scholarship Name: Karen Lynne Harris Memorial Scholarship

Website: <http://zetazetaonline.org/karen-lynne-harris-memorial-scholarship/>

Scholarship Description: The Zeta Zeta Chapter is proud to sponsor and award an annual scholarship dedicated to the memory of our Triumphant Soror Karen Lynne Harris. In her memory, Zeta Zeta Chapter awards annually a college scholarship to a female high school senior who holds a high standard for academics.

Scholarship Award Amount: Varies **Renewable:** No

Scholarship Qualifications: Female high school student graduating at the end of the 2013-2014 academic year

- Resident of the Chicago land area (Chicago and its surrounding suburbs)
- Has a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or better

Required Documentation:

1. Personal Statement
2. Recommendation letters – Two letters of recommendation
3. Copy of Official High School Transcript
4. Copy of Intended College Acceptance Letter
5. Essay must be 5 pages in length, typed, double spaced, 1 inch margins, Arial 12 point font, one sided, with footnotes and a bibliography. The 5 pages do not include the cover page. Topic provided on application.
6. Completed application.

Open to DREAMers: Unknown

Scholarship Deadline: April 30, 2015

Scholarship Name: NAAIA Chicago Scholarship

Website: <http://www.naaiachicago.org/> **Application:** Will become available online January 1, 2015

Scholarship Description: The National African-American Insurance Association (NAAIA) Chicago was founded on the principal need to positively exploit the talent pool of and business opportunities for African Americans. Working with the national organization, NAAIA Chicago builds alliances with insurance industry trade associations as well as those that represent the interests of minorities in this industry.

Scholarship Award Amount: \$1,000 **Renewable:** No

Scholarship Qualifications: High School Senior attending CPS; No GPA requirement

Required Documentation: ACT scores

- Three Recommendations
- Essay: Why do you deserve this scholarship?
- Acceptance letter from college/university attending

Open to DREAMers: Yes

Scholarship Deadline: April 1, 2015

Scholarship Name: National Organization of Black Law Enforcement

Website: <http://www.noblenational.org/communityoutreach/noblescholarships.html>

Application: Will be available in February 2015

Scholarship Description: NOBLE is committed to equity in matters related to law enforcement, its mission to ensure equity in the administration of justice, and its unyielding commitment to work towards the elimination of racism and bias of any type within the law enforcement field. This includes a commitment to equal treatment in the administration of justice and within the law enforcement field for all people, regardless of sexual orientation or gender expression.

Scholarship Award Amount: \$1,000 (Charles L. Gittens Scholarship); \$1,000 (Larry Bolden Scholarship) \$3,500 (Irlet Anderson Scholarship) **Renewable:** No

Scholarship Qualifications: Must be pursuing a degree in any of the Social Sciences, including technology, forensic investigations, and other criminal investigative studies, to further a career in law enforcement or criminal justice.

Open to DREAMers: Unknown

Scholarship Deadline: April 15, 2015

April

Scholarship Name: National Merit Scholarship Program

Website: <http://www.nationalmerit.org/nmsp.php#entryreq>

Scholarship Description: High school juniors enter the National Merit Program by taking the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT). If your school does not administer this test, talk to your counselor. Of the 1.5 million entrants, some 50,000 with the highest PSAT/NMSQT® Selection Index scores (critical reading + mathematics + writing skills scores) qualify for recognition in the National Merit®Scholarship Program. In April following the fall test administration, high-scoring participants from every state are invited to name two colleges or universities to which they would like to be referred by NMSC. In early September, about 16,000 students, or approximately one-third of the 50,000 high scorers, are notified that they have qualified as Semifinalists. In February, some 15,000 Semifinalists are notified by mail at their home addresses that they have advanced to Finalist standing. High school principals are notified and provided with a certificate to present to each Finalist.

Scholarship Award Amount: \$2,500 **Renewable:** No

Scholarship Qualifications: Be enrolled as a high school student, progressing normally toward graduation or completion of high school by 2015, and planning to enter college no later than the fall of 2015

- Be a citizen of the United States; or be a U.S. lawful permanent resident
- Take the 2015 PSAT/NMSQT in the specified year of the high school program and no later than the third year in grades 9-12, regardless of grade classification or educational pattern

Required Documentation: Completion of the 2015 PSAT/NMSQT

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: April 2015. Your PSAT/NMSQT results are automatically submitted and reviewed for eligible scholarships.

Scholarship Name: Society of Women Engineers Chicago Regional Section Scholarship

Website: <http://chicago.swe.org/scholarships.html> **Application:** Will become available online January 2015

Scholarship Description: Scholarships are awarded to graduating high school female students accepted into an engineering or computer science program at an accredited college or university.

Scholarship Award Amount: \$1,500 **Renewable:** No

Scholarship Qualifications: Applicant must be a female

- The applicant's home must be in a zip code with these three numbers as the first three digits: IL 600-608, 610-611, and 613; IN 463-466
- The applicant must be a freshman, re-entry or transfer student accepted into an engineering or computer science program at an accredited college or university for the Fall 2015 semester
- The applicant's grade point average must be a 3.0 or above on a 4.0 scale

Required Documentation: Completed application; Official transcript; Letter of recommendation from a non-relative; One-page essay

Open to DREAMers: Unknown

Scholarship Deadline: April 10, 2015

Scholarship Name: William J. Cook Fund Scholarship

Website: <https://www.scholarshipamerica.org/williamjcook/index.php>

Application: Will become available online in February or March 2015

Scholarship Description: The Chicago Community Trust established the William J. Cook Scholarship Fund to assist male high school seniors from Cook County, Illinois who plan to continue their education in college programs.

Scholarship Award Amount: \$1,000 to \$5,000 **Renewable:** Yes **Number of Years Renewable:** 4

Scholarship Qualifications:

- Male high school seniors attending a high school in Cook County, Illinois and reside in Cook County.
- Plan to enroll in a full-time undergraduate course of study at an accredited four-year college or university.

Required Documentation: Completed application; Online transcripts

Open to DREAMers: Yes

Scholarship Deadline: The scholarship has a mid-April deadline. Please check website for updated information.

May

Scholarship Name: Chicago Coalition for the Homeless Scholarship

Website: <http://www.chicagohomeless.org/college-scholarships/> (application will become available on January 15, 2015)

Scholarship Description: Each summer, the Chicago Coalition for the Homeless awards renewable college scholarships to graduating seniors who experienced homelessness while in high school. Eligible to apply are students who were homeless at some point while attending Chicago Public high schools, or homeless students living anywhere in Illinois who are former clients of the CCH Law Project.

Scholarship Award Amount: \$2,000 **Renewable:** Yes **Number of Years Renewable:** Varies

Scholarship Qualifications: Be a student graduating this spring from the Chicago Public Schools (CPS), or a former student client of the Law Project who is graduating this spring and currently living in Illinois.

- Have sufficient credit hours to graduate by June 2015, as verified by the school registrar.
- Been homeless during at least one semester of high school, verified by the CPS Students in Temporary Living Situations (STLS) "homeless liaison" at the applicant's school, or verified by the school district homeless liaison.
- Applied to accredited two-year or four-year public or private not-for-profit colleges or universities for the 2015-16 school year. Scholarships are not granted to attend for-profit schools.
- Filed the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) application by May 1, 2015
- Application must be fully completed by the student. By the deadline, submit two (2) letters of recommendations from individuals with a direct knowledge of your abilities, accomplishments and potential. One (1) recommendation must be from a teacher or other personnel working at your current school.

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: May 1, 2015

Scholarship Name: Chicago Housing Authority Scholarship

Website: thecha.org/scholarships

Application: Will become available on January 15, 2015

Scholarship Description: Applicants must be current CHA or Housing Choice Voucher resident, have a minimum 2.5 GPA, and be accepted in an accredited institution.

Scholarship Award Amount: \$1,000-\$2,500

Renewable: Yes (recipients may reapply for scholarship)

Scholarship Qualifications: Be a current CHA or Housing Choice Voucher resident

- Be a high school graduate or GED recipient
- Have a minimum GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale
- Be accepted or currently enrolled in accredited institution (college, trade school, certificate program)

Required Documentation: Complete application form

- Official transcript or GED test scores
- Copy of acceptance letter
- Current financial aid awards/scholarships from ALL sources
- A two page typewritten essay
- Two letters of recommendation

Open to DREAMers: Unknown

Scholarship Deadline: May 1, 2015

May

Scholarship Name: Excellence in Academics & Community Service Award

Website: <http://75.103.78.226/scholarships-applications/>

Application: Will become available online after December 1, 2014

Scholarship Description: This annual, one-time scholarship, will be awarded to one or two (2) successful candidates. Candidates must be brain tumor patients/survivors or closely related to someone diagnosed with a brain tumor. Amount of award will be paid directly to the student's school if for tuition, or directly to the recipient to assist with living expenses, books, travel, etc.

Scholarship Award Amount: up to \$2,500 **Renewable:** No

Scholarship Qualifications: Must be a brain tumor patient/survivor or closely related to someone diagnosed with a brain tumor.

- Relationships are limited to spouse, biological children, biological parents, biological siblings.
- Must be entering or currently enrolled in an advanced educational program at a college, university, vocational school or other setting within the fifty United States or the District of Columbia.
- Must have at least a GPA of 3.0/4.0 or a 4.0/5.0.
- Rank in top half of class and have at least an SAT score of 1000 or an ACT of 21.
- Demonstrate strong leadership ability as well as community service.
- Demonstrate financial need (family income may not exceed \$75,000).
- Income verification may be required.

Required Documentation: Application; Essay; One (1) letter of recommendation

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: May 1, 2015

Scholarship Name: Excellence in Science and Medicine Award

Website: <http://75.103.78.226/scholarships-applications/>

Scholarship Description: This one-time scholarship, in an amount up to \$2,500, will be awarded to one or two (2) successful candidates annually. Candidates must also be US residents who are entering or currently enrolled in an advanced educational program within health sciences (including biology, chemistry, nursing, etc.) with the intent to enter the field of oncology or neurology (including neuroscience, neurosurgery, and neuropathology) at a college or four-year university within the fifty United States or District of Columbia. Amount of award will be paid directly to the student's school if for tuition, or directly to the recipient to assist with living expenses, books, travel, etc.

Scholarship Amount: up to \$2,500 **Renewable:** No

Scholarship Qualifications: Must be entering or currently enrolled in an advanced educational program within the health sciences (including biology, chemistry, nursing, etc.) with the intent to enter the field of oncology or neurology (including neuroscience, neurosurgery, and neuropathology) at a college or four-year university within the fifty United States or District of Columbia

- Must have a GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or 4.0 on a 5.0 scale
- Must have three (3) years of science courses with a minimum grade letter of B in each course.
- Rank in the top half of class and have at least an SAT score of 1000 or an ACT of 21

Required Documentation: Application; Essay, One (1) letter of recommendation

Open to DREAMers: N/A

Scholarship Deadline: May 1, 2015

May

Scholarship Name: Illinois Legislative Black Caucus Foundation Scholarship

Website: <http://bit.ly/BlackCaucusScholarship> **Application:** Will become available in April 2015

Scholarship Description: This one-time award is for students accepted into accredited undergraduate institutions.

Scholarship Award Amount: \$1,000 **Renewable:** No

Scholarship Qualifications: Be an Illinois resident; Submit application and all supporting materials to the ILBCF Scholarship Selection Committee by deadline.

Required Documentation: Complete the ILBCF Undergraduate Scholarship Application

- Submit verification of college enrollment or letter of acceptance
- Write a personal statement (500 words or less) describing interest and involvement in community and public service, hobbies, talents, sports and/or school activities. The statement should address future academic and professional career plans and may highlight any personal challenge(s) perspective has overcome
- Submit high school transcript (if in college, current transcript)
- Submit two letters of recommendation from persons other than relatives
- Submit a recent photograph of himself/herself
- Provide proof of voter registration if 18 years of age or older

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: May 1, 2015 (postmark deadline). Submit application to Illinois Legislative Black Caucus Scholarship Foundation Selection Committee; P.O. Box 12104, Springfield, IL 62791.

Scholarship Name: Just The Beginning Foundation (JTBF) Summer Leadership Legal Institute

Website: <http://bit.ly/JTBFChicago>

Application: <https://cps.academicworks.com/opportunities/589> (application will go live on October 27, 2014)

Scholarship Description: The JTBF Summer Legal Institute (SLI) is an exciting ten-day program designed to introduce high school students to the legal system, expose them to careers in the legal field, and provide them with the practical tools necessary to achieve their educational goals. Students work with judges, lawyers and law students on legal reasoning, case analysis, writing skills and techniques, and negotiation and oral argument exercises. In addition, students and their parents/guardians/mentors will receive college preparatory advice on topics such as preparing for standardized tests, completing applications, and securing financial aid.

Scholarship Award Amount: N/A **Renewable:** Unknown

Required Documents: The SLI is open to students who will be high school freshman, sophomores, juniors, or seniors in the fall of 2014. Enrollment is limited to 65 students. To apply, please submit each of the following by May 2015:

1. Completed Application Form
2. Completed Letter Of Recommendation Form OR a Separate Letter Of Recommendation
3. Statement Of Interest. On a separate piece of paper, please submit a typewritten essay of no more than 300 words. Tell us about yourself and discuss why you would like to participate in this program. Be sure to include your full name on the statement.
4. Current Transcript

Open to DREAMers: Unknown

Scholarship Deadline: May 2015. Please check website for updates.

May

Scholarship Name: La Casa Student Housing Scholarship

Website: www.lacasastudenthousing.org **Application:** <http://bit.ly/LaCasaHousing>

Scholarship Description: This scholarship is designed to help Illinois students pay to live at La Casa Student Housing. La Casa Student Housing Scholarship awards can be applied only toward monthly payment of rent obligations at La Casa Student Housing. All scholarship awards will be paid directly to the student's rent account, which is managed by the Office of Property Management at The Resurrection Project.

Scholarship Award Amount: Award amounts vary. Currently, four scholarship award levels exist: Level 1: \$450 Level 2: \$1,350 Level 3: \$2,250 Level 4: \$3,150

Renewable: Yes **Number of Years Renewable:** 4

Scholarship Qualifications: Meet all eligibility criteria to live at La Casa Student Housing

- Be enrolled full-time each term at a degree granting, North Central accredited college or university in Illinois
- Maintain satisfactory academic progress as determined by the college
- Demonstrate financial need
- Have graduated from an Illinois high school within the last 6 years
- Be an Illinois resident (if the student is considered a "dependent" for the college's financial aid process, the parent whose information is used must be an Illinois resident)

Required Documentation: Copy of 2014 IRS Tax forms of parents/guardians; Copy of 2015-2016 College Financial Aid Award Letter

Open to DREAMers: Yes

Scholarship Deadline: Applications are accepted until all spots are filled.

Scholarship Name: Latinos Progresando Dr. Angela Perez Miller Scholarship

Website: <http://latinospro.org/dr-angela-perez-miller-scholarship-fund/> **Application:** Will become available online mid-March 2015

Scholarship Description: Latinos Progresando (LP) is a non-profit organization committed to improving the lives of immigrants and their families. Our goal is to promote education and motivate our Latino youth to pursue a higher education with the vision of increasing the number of Latino students attend and graduate from college in our community.

Scholarship Award Amount: \$1,000 each **Renewable:** No

Scholarship Qualifications: Enrolled for at least 6 credit hours for the 2014-2015 academic year

- Admitted or enrolled in an undergraduate degree-seeking program or certificate program at an accredited college or university
- Demonstrated financial need
- Be a Latino or immigrant student
- Demonstrated commitment to community service
- Reside in the Chicago metropolitan area

Required Documentation: Application Forms: complete and submit the background information form, financial data form, and the certification form

- Transcript: submit an official transcript from the school you are currently enrolled
- Resume: submit a one-page resume that includes work experience, academic accomplishments, leadership roles, community service, and other relevant activities
- Letters of Recommendation: submit two letters of recommendation from people who know you well (e.g., high school teacher, counselor, employer, professor, academic advisor, coach); letters should be submitted on official letterhead.
- Financial Aid: submit a copy of your 2014-15 financial aid award letter from your college's financial aid office.
- Tax Form(s): submit a copy of your 2014 federal tax form AND, if you are under 24 years of age, your parents' 2014 federal tax form.
- Essay: submit a three-page essay (double spaced, 12 point font, Times New Roman) that describes (1) your background and family background, (2) your personal and career goals, (3) your interest in your chosen major/field of study, (4) your community service. and/or involvement in extracurricular activities, and (5) how the scholarship will help you while pursuing your education and goals.

Open to DREAMers: Yes

Scholarship Deadline: May 2015. Please check website for updates. The application is not considered complete until all required items are received. Mail all required items to the following address: Latinos Progresando, C/O Scholarship Committee, 3047 W. Cermak Rd., Chicago, IL 60623.

Scholarship Name: Nordstrom Scholarship

Website: <http://shop.nordstrom.com/c/nordstrom-cares-scholarship>

Application: Will become available February 2, 2015

Scholarship Description: Nordstrom is excited to award \$10,000 scholarships to 80 outstanding high school students and help them achieve their dreams of going to college. The Nordstrom Scholarship recognizes students across the country for their exceptional scholastic achievement and community involvement.

Scholarship Award Amount: \$10,000/\$2,500 per year **Renewable:** Yes **Number of Years Renewable:** 4

Scholarship Qualifications: Be a high school junior who has not been convicted of any crime (Seniors are not eligible to apply)

- Live and attend high school in one of the participating states designated by Nordstrom
- Have participated in community or volunteer activities
- Maintain a cumulative unweighted GPA of at least 2.7 (on a 4.0 scale) throughout your high school career
- Plan to apply for financial assistance to attend college
- Be eligible to attend a four-year college or university in the United States
- If awarded, attend an accredited four-year college or university in the U.S. for all years of the scholarship

Required Documentation: Application; Recommendation letter(s)

Open to DREAMers: Yes

Scholarship Deadline: May 1, 2015

Scholarship Name: NURSE Corps Scholarship Program (NCSP)

Website: <http://www.hrsa.gov/loanscholarships/scholarships/Nursing/index.html>

Application: New applications will not be accepted until March or April of 2015

Scholarship Description: The NURSE Corps Scholarship Program (NCSP) is a selective program of the U.S. Government that helps alleviate the critical shortage of registered nurses currently experienced by certain types of health care facilities by helping needy students complete their registered nurse training. Scholarship awards full tuition.

Scholarship Award Amount: Tuition; Eligible fees and other reasonable costs, such as books, clinical supplies/instruments and uniforms. Monthly stipend (\$1,289 for the 2015-2016 school year)

Renewable: Yes **Number of Years Renewable:** 4

Scholarship Qualifications: Be a U.S. citizen (either U.S. born or naturalized); U.S. national or a lawful permanent resident; Be enrolled or accepted for enrollment as a full or part-time student in an accredited nursing degree program at one of the following: An associate degree School of Nursing, a collegiate School of Nursing, a diploma school of nursing.

Required Documentation: Completed authorization to release information;

- Proof of U.S. Citizenship, U.S. national or lawful permanent resident (e.g. copy of birth certificate, certificate of citizenship, passport, or naturalization certificate)
- Completed verification of acceptance/good standing report
- Copy of student aid report
- Completed academic recommendation letter and non-academic recommendation letter
- Completed essay questions
- Resume/curriculum vitae
- Academic transcript(s) (transcripts may be official or unofficial, but course grades must be included.)

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: This scholarship has a May deadline. Please check the website for updates.

June

Scholarship Name: Abbott and Fenner Scholarship

Website: <http://www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.htm>

Scholarship Description: Abbott & Fenner are committed to continuing our efforts at helping those who have the desire and ambition to succeed. The winner(s) of this annual scholarship will receive their award within 2 weeks of the listed deadline. All applicants should include their full name and mailing address with their submissions. The A&F Scholarships are available to all high school juniors and seniors as well as all students currently registered in any accredited post secondary institution.

Scholarship Award Amount: \$1,000 **Renewable:** No

Scholarship Qualifications: To apply for this scholarship you will need to write an essay on the topic below. The essay should be between 500 and 1000 words. Your submissions must be sent to us by email at: scholarships@abbottandfenner.com

Describe your educational career and life goals. Explain your plan for achieving these goals. Include your degree/major, why you selected it, and how this degree/major will help you achieve your goals.

Required Documentation: Essay

Open to DREAMers: Yes

Scholarship Deadline: June 15, 2015

Scholarship Name: Community Services Block Grant Scholarship

Website: <http://bit.ly/CSBGinformation>

Application: <https://cps.academicworks.com/opportunities/38> (application will go live on October 27, 2014)

Scholarship Description: The CSBG Scholarship program helps low-income Chicagoans finance higher education. Funds can be applied toward tuition, uniforms, study-related fees and books. Winners will be notified in August.

Scholarship Award Amount: \$500 - \$3,000 **Renewable:** No

Scholarship Qualifications: Must be Chicago resident; meet CSBG income guidelines; Be enrolled full-time in an Illinois institution

Required Documentation: Application

Open to DREAMers: Only those who have completed the Deferred Action process (also known as DACA) and have obtained a SSN are eligible to apply

Scholarship Deadline: Early June. Please check the website in April for information.

Scholarship Name: Chicago Public Schools Dream Fund Scholarship

Website: <http://www.chooseyourfuture.org/resource/cps-dream-fund-scholarship>

Application: <https://cps.academicworks.com/opportunities/579> (application will go live on October 27, 2014)

Scholarship Description: The CPS Dream Fund Scholarship is a talent and need-based, last-dollar scholarship to assist academically talented undocumented CPS students in their quest to pursue a post-secondary education. Student must be a DREAMer* recommended by a principal, counselor or college and career coach.

Scholarship Award Amount: Varies **Renewable:** Pending upon fund available

Scholarship Qualifications: Must be a DREAMer nominated by a principal, counselor or college and career coach; Minimum GPA:3.0; Minimum ACT of 17; CPS senior; Attend a Chicago public high school for at least three (3) years

Required Documentation: Application; Official CPS high school transcript; ACT scores; Two essays; Proof of household income; Letter of recommendation from a current teacher; Community service or volunteer service letter of recommendation; College letter of acceptance; College financial aid award letter

Note: You *must* be nominated by your principal, counselor or college and career coach. Each CPS school can only nominate 3 students.

Open to DREAMers: Yes

Scholarship Deadline: June 1, 2015

June

Scholarship Name: DePaul University Sid Feldman Legacy Fund

Website: <http://sidfund.org/> **Application:** <http://sidfund.org/Sid-Feldman-Scholarship-Application.pdf>

Scholarship Description: Every year, DePaul University's Center for Sales Leadership sponsors a legacy fund for two students from the Chicago Public School district to receive partial tuition for four years of undergraduate education at DePaul University.

Scholarship Award Amount: Varies- Partial full tuition. **Renewable:** Yes **Number of Years Renewable:** 4

Scholarship Qualifications: The student must intend to enroll in the College of Commerce. Essay Requirements. In a two page, single spaced essay, please address the two topics. Check website in Spring for details.

Required Documentation: Complete a DePaul University admission application and receive an acceptance letter from DePaul University.

- Submit two letters of recommendation from a non-family member (high school teacher, guidance counselor, employer, volunteer manager, etc.)
- Submit a FAFSA for consideration towards financial hardship
- Submit a two page essay

Open to DREAMers: Yes

Scholarship Deadline: June 1, 2015

Scholarship Name: Dr. King Scholarship Initiative

Website: icdhr.org **Application Information:** <http://www.icdhr.org/pdfs/ScholarshipFlyer2013-2014.pdf>

Scholarship Description: The Illinois Commission on Diversity and Human Relations (ICDHR) and the University of Illinois are both committed to advancing academic scholarships for a growing number of diversified high school students; many who are academically qualified to enter college but lack the resources to do so.

Scholarship Award Amount: \$5,000 - \$10,000 **Renewable:** No

Scholarship Qualifications:

1. Apply to one of the University of Illinois campuses (www.illinois.edu, www.uic.edu, or www.uis.edu)
2. Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>
3. Upon receipt of your letter of acceptance from a University of Illinois campus, submit the following materials to ICDHR:
 - A letter of acceptance from a University of Illinois campus
 - A copy of your Student Aid Report (SAR)
 - A written statement which includes the following:
 - The name of your high school (preference given to students from the Chicago Public School system)
 - An essay on why you want to attend either the University of Illinois at Champaign - Urbana, University of Illinois at Chicago or the University of Illinois at Springfield
 - An essay on why you should receive the scholarship

Required Documentation: Application with supplement materials. Please check the website for updated information.

Open to DREAMers: Yes

Scholarship Deadline: June 1, 2015

June

Scholarship Name: Edward and Shirley Calahan Scholarship Fund

Website: <http://chooseyourfuture.org/resource/edward-and-shirley-calahan-scholarship-fund>

Application: <https://cps.academicworks.com/opportunities/53> (application will go live on October 27, 2014)

Scholarship Description: The Edward and Shirley Calahan Scholarship Fund will provide assistance to financially challenged low income students who desire a college education but do not have the financial means to pay for their college expenses. Their goal is to provide help for those that desire an opportunity, but cannot do it by themselves. The Calahan Foundation plans to award three scholarships.

Scholarship Award Amount: \$2,000 **Renewable:** No

Scholarship Qualifications: GPA of 3.0 during their last year of high school, and must have been accepted to a college or university.

Required Documentation: Completed and signed application form

- Official transcripts
- Two letters of recommendation
- Answer essay questions attached (double spaced and typewritten) 5 copies
- Most recent Parent/Guardian income tax returns
- Letter of college acceptance
- Available for interview

Open to DREAMers: Yes, provided they have an ITIN

Scholarship Deadline: June 1, 2015

Scholarship Name: Illinois Latino Council on Higher Education

Website: <http://ilache.com/>

Scholarship Description: The Illinois Latino Council on Higher Education (ILACHE) will award a one time \$1000 scholarship to two eligible Latino/a students. Selection will be based on careful review of the following areas: campus involvement, community involvement, academic achievements & goals and career aspirations. Additional Requirements: Illinois resident.

Scholarship Award Amount: Varies **Renewable:** No

Scholarship Qualifications: Campus involvement, community involvement, academic achievements & goals, and career aspirations.

Required Documentation: Online application

- Two letters of recommendation (at least one from a past teacher/faculty member)
- An official transcript from the high school and/or college, whichever is applicable. The high school transcript must indicate the date of graduation.

Open to DREAMers: Unknown

Scholarship Deadline: June 1, 2015

Scholarship Deadline: Nominations must be submitted by June 2015. Please check the website for updated information.

June

Scholarship Name: LeTendre Education Fund Scholarship

Website: <http://www.naehcy.org/letendre-scholarship-fund/scholarship-application>

Application: Will become available online January 2015

Scholarship Description: The National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth provides scholarship assistance to students who are homeless or have experienced homelessness through the LeTendre Education Fund for Homeless Children, established in 1998 in memory of André E. LeTendre, husband of Mary Jean LeTendre, former Director of Compensatory Education for the U.S. Department of Education.

Scholarship Award Amount: \$2,000 **Renewable:** No

Scholarship Qualifications: The scholarship funds are available to students who are homeless or who have been homeless during their school attendance, and who have demonstrated average or higher than average achievement. According to federal law, a person is considered homeless who “lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate night-time residence.” This includes people living in shelters, cars, motels, campgrounds, or places not meant for human habitation, as well as children and youth who are living with friends or relatives temporarily because they lack permanent housing.

Required Documentation: A completed application form

- An essay about the impact of homelessness on their lives and their desire to attend college (approximately 1,000 words)
- A school transcript, include class ranking if available
- A minimum of one letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor, or other adult who can speak to the applicant’s qualifications and experiences.

Open to DREAMers: Yes

Scholarship Deadline: June 13, 2015

Scholarship Name: Posse Foundation Scholarship

Website: <http://www.possefoundation.org/about-posse/program-components/recruitment/nomination-process>

Scholarship Description: Students must be nominated in their junior year of high school. They should be leaders, academically committed, team oriented, invested in the community, reliable, and accountable. Additional Requirements: Chicago resident; must be nominated by their high school or a community-based organization.

Scholarship Award Amount: Full tuition scholarships **Renewable:** Yes **Number of Years Renewable:** 4

Scholarship Qualifications: Be nominated by their high school or a community-based organization.

- Be in the first term of their senior year in high school. Depending on the Posse city, nominations are often taken between the spring and early August before the new school year begins.
- Demonstrate leadership within their high school, community or family.
- Demonstrate academic potential

Required Documentation: Nomination required

Open to DREAMers: Yes

Scholarship Deadline: Nomination form due June 2015

July

Scholarship Name: Howard University Alumni Club of Chicago (HUACC) Hillhouse Scholarship

Website: <http://huchicago.squarespace.com/scholarships/>

Scholarship Description: This program, funded through the HUACC members, recognizes high school seniors Howard University students in Illinois for their commitment to community, service, academics, and demonstrated leadership. To acknowledge these accomplishments, recipients of the award will receive a one-time grant of \$500.

Scholarship Award Amount: \$500 **Renewable:** No

Scholarship Qualifications: Full-time high school senior currently enrolled at a high school within Illinois

- Student grade point average of 2.8 or higher
- Student demonstrates leadership abilities in school activities or through work experiences.
- Students shows a strong commitment to and involvement in community service.
- Student plans to attend Howard University in the fall.
- Student will need to complete the scholarship application and attend the "Off to Mecca Picnic" in July.

Required Documentation: Application and essay

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: July 1, 2015

August

Scholarship Name: OCA-Chicago 2015 Scholarship Internship

Website: <http://www.ocachicago.org/scholar/>

Scholarship Description: The goal of the Scholarship Intern program is to create a hands-on working experience for students to learn “real-world” skills and receive financial support toward their tuition. Each applicant will be evaluated based on their grades, financial standing, and their performance during the Internship program. Note: Internship is encouraged (not required) for scholarship program. The applicants’ performance is evaluated by board members for scholarship recipient consideration, but going through the internship does not guarantee a scholarship.

Scholarship Award Amount: \$30,000 will be awarded between 12 students **Renewable:** No

Scholarship Qualifications: Be American citizen or a permanent resident of the Chicagoland area: Cook, Dekalb, DuPage, Grundy, Kane, Kendall, McHenry, Will, Lake (IL), Kenosha (WI)

- Identify as Asian and/or Pacific Islander ethnicity as defined by the U.S. Census
- Be a full-time Asian and/or Pacific Islander American student
- High school students entering their first year of college in the upcoming 2015 Fall Semester/Quarter or currently enrolled in an accredited university
- Demonstrate financial needs
- Have a cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0 or above (on a 4.0 scale)
- Strong history and intent of community service
- Must join OCA-Chicago as a student member before receiving scholarship
- Must be available to attend in person at 2015 OCA-Chicago annual scholarship gala.

Required Documentation: Completed application; One page, single-spaced, typed essay on leadership topic (see application); Official or unofficial transcript from current school; FAFSA application

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: August 31, 2015

Scholarship Name: Women in Public Finance

Website: http://www.wpfc.com/?page_id=774

Scholarship Description: The purpose of the Women in Public Finance scholarship program is to: recognize college-bound high school females who have exhibited scholastic achievement, preferably with a demonstrated aptitude in mathematics, and demonstrated leadership skills. Encourage the consideration of careers in finance and, more specifically, public finance. Provide an opportunity for award recipients to meet women established in the public finance area and expose young women to various career options.

Scholarship Award Amount: \$1,000- \$2,000 **Renewable:** No

Scholarship Qualifications: To qualify and apply for the Achievement Award and scholarship, the applicant must, at a minimum:

- Be a female, college-bound high school student entering her senior year in the fall of 2014
- Display an aptitude in math
- Have a 3.0 GPA
- Exhibit leadership skills through extracurricular activities, volunteer positions, and/or work experiences
- Have an interest in pursuing a career in finance, government, non-profits, or law

Required Documentation: Complete and submit the attached 2015 Achievement Award and scholarship application form including the required essays along with a photocopy of your most recent unofficial high school transcript via e-mail or mail so that the application is received no later than August 25, 2015 by midnight, Eastern Standard Time (EST).

Open to DREAMers: Unknown

Scholarship Deadline: August 25, 2015. Please check website for updates.

Rolling

Scholarship Name: C-CAP Cooking Competition for Scholarships

Website: <http://www.ccapinc.org/sch-app-materials.php>

Scholarship Description: Since 1990, C-CAP has awarded over \$33 million in scholarships to public high school students in our C-CAP Cooking Competitions for Scholarships! In order to receive a C-CAP Scholarship, you must apply and be selected to compete in the C-CAP Cooking Competition for Scholarships.

Scholarship Award Amount: \$500- \$83,760 **Renewable:** Varies

Scholarship Qualifications: Applicant must currently attend a C-CAP partner public high school or after school program

- Applicant must be a Junior or Senior in high school, or must be enrolled in a GED program, or must have passed the GED test
- Applicant must be 21 years old or younger
- Senior applicants must have taken one (1) culinary course at the C-CAP approved high school or after school program (includes the course you are currently enrolled in), two (2) courses is preferred
- Junior applicants must currently be enrolled in a culinary course
- All GED applicants must have their GED scores on or before the date of the final competition
- 2.5 GPA requirement

Required Documentation: C-CAP Cooking Competition for Scholarships Application Form: Fill out ALL sections of the 2-page application.

- School Research Sheets: Research four schools you would like to attend. One must be a community college. Fill out the School Research Sheets for each with the application. Rank the schools starting with the one you like best.
- Letters of Recommendation: Attach at least two letters of recommendation from past or present employers or your high school teachers. Recommendations must be on business or school letterhead paper, signed, and dated.
- Personal Essay on Your Career Goals: Write a formal essay (minimum of 250 words) describing your career goals. Submit a handwritten copy and a typed copy of your essay. It will be judged on content, style, spelling, and grammar.
- High School Transcript: Attach a copy of your high school transcript (either official or unofficial is acceptable) that is clear and easy to read. DO NOT use a copier to reduce the size of your transcript to save space.
- Must complete a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) by the Competition Application deadline
- ACT scores

Open to DREAMers: Yes

Scholarship Deadline: This scholarship rolling submission dates. Please check the website for updates.

Scholarship Name: Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, Inc.

Website: <http://cbcfinc.org/scholarships.html>

Scholarship Description: The mission of CBCF is to advance the global black community by developing leaders, informing policy and educating the public. CBCF offers a variety of scholarships.

Scholarship Award Amount: Up to full tuition scholarships **Renewable:** Unknown

Scholarship Qualifications: Be preparing to pursue an undergraduate degree full-time or current full-time student in good standing

- Reside or attend a school in a congressional district represented by a CBC member
- Minimum GPA of 2.5
- Leadership Ability and Community Service

Required Documentation: Complete Application

- Submit verification of college enrollment or letter of acceptance
- Write a personal statement (500 words or less) describing interest and involvement in community and public service, hobbies, special talents, sports and/or school activities etc. The statement should address future academic and professional career plans and may highlight any personal challenge(s) perspective has overcome
- Submit two letters of recommendation from persons other than relatives
- Submit a recent photograph of himself/herself
- Provide proof of voters registration if 18 years of age or older

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: Deadlines vary for each scholarship. Ranges from late March to early June 2015.

Rolling

Scholarship Name: Harrison Fellows Scholarship (National Lewis University)

Website: <http://www.nl.edu/harrisonfellows/>

Scholarship Description: The Harrison Fellowship, named for NLU's founding President Elizabeth Harrison, is designed for students who want an undergraduate bachelor's degree by attending full time during the day at our Chicago campus. There are only two disciplines offered this year: Elementary Education with endorsement in Math or Science and a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration.

Scholarship Award Amount: Up to \$50,000 over four years

Renewable: Yes **Number of Years Renewable:** 4

Scholarship Qualifications: Have demonstrated exceptional promise of becoming a leader in your community

- Have 90 or fewer transfer credit hours
- Have a 3.0 or higher high school/transfer GPA OR 19 or higher composite ACT score
- Agree to attend full-time (12+ quarter hours per term) during the day on the Chicago downtown campus
- Enroll in one of the 6 eligible degree programs
- Students must adhere to the Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy of National Louis University

Required Documentation: Completed application

- Essay
- Reference letter from a sponsor at a community-based organization to submit with application

Open to DREAMers: Yes

Scholarship Deadline: Applications are accepted on a rolling basis throughout the academic year.

Varies

Scholarship Name: American Red Cross Young Minds Change Lives: High School Scholarship Program

Website: <http://www.redcrossblood.org/info/heartofamerica/young-minds-change-lives-high-school-scholarship-program>

Scholarship Description: The American Red Cross Blood Services invites your school to participate in the Young Minds Change Lives Educational Scholarship Program. Through the Young Minds Change Lives Educational Scholarship Program, you have the opportunity to help others, while also helping to establish a college scholarship fund to benefit students at your school. The Young Minds Change Lives Educational Scholarship Program is available for high schools who want to host a Red Cross blood drive during the school year or the summer months. Each participating high school shall determine the scholarship recipient(s). The sponsoring school is responsible for providing the American Red Cross information required to disburse the funds on behalf of each scholarship recipient(s). The monetary scholarship will be awarded directly to the school of higher learning in the recipient's name(s). The American Red Cross will make the scholarship disbursements directly to the appropriate institution using information provided by the sponsoring school. Each recipient must have a separate verification form completed.

Scholarship Award Amount: \$250-\$2,500 The scholarship amount awarded by the Red Cross to any graduating senior(s) from a high school participating in the Young Minds Change Lives Scholarship Program is determined by totaling the number of units collected at the school blood drive(s) held during the program timeframe.

Renewable: No

Scholarship Qualifications: Graduating high school senior with plans to attend higher education and possess high school and prospective higher education photo ID

Required Documentation: N/A

Open to DREAMers: Yes

Scholarship Deadline: Deadline is rolling.

Scholarship Name: Ayn Rand Institute Novel Essay Contest

Website: <http://aynrandnovels.org/essay-contests.html>

Scholarship Description: Ayn Rand Institute sponsors annual essay contests that offer 680 prizes and more than \$99,000 in prize money every year. You can still submit essays for three of the four contests. The essay contests are open to both American and international students. Deadlines vary.

Scholarship Award Amount: First prize: \$2,000 or \$10,000; 5 Second prizes: \$2,000; 10 Third prizes: \$1,000; 45 Finalists: \$100; 175 Semifinalists: \$50 (Number of prizes, finalist and award amount can vary based on the novel)

Renewable: Varies **Number of Years Renewable:** 4

Scholarship Qualifications: No application is required. Contest is open to students worldwide. Entrant must be in the 11th or 12th grade. To avoid disqualification, mailed in essays must include a stapled cover sheet with the following information:

- Name and address, including e-mail address (if available)
- The name and address of your school
- Topic selected (#1, 2 or 3 from list above)
- Current grade level
- (Optional) the name of the teacher who assigned the essay, if you are completing it for classroom credit.
- Essay must be no fewer than 800 and no more than 1,600 words in length and double-spaced.

1. One entry per student.

2. Essay must be postmarked by the deadline given, no later than 11:59 PM, Pacific Standard Time. The Ayn Rand Institute has the right to provide contest deadline extensions when deemed appropriate.

3. Essay must be solely the work of the entrant. Plagiarism will result in disqualification. Decisions of the judges are final.

4. Employees of the Ayn Rand Institute, its board of directors and their immediate family members are not eligible for this contest. Past first-place winners are not eligible for this contest.

5. All entries become the property of the Ayn Rand Institute and will not be returned.

6. Winners, finalists, semifinalists and all other participants will be notified via e-mail and/or by mail by July 2015.

7. Contest winners agree to allow the Ayn Rand Institute to post their names on any of ARI's affiliated websites. The winning first place essay may be posted in its entirety on any of these websites with full credit given to the author.

8. Winners will be solely responsible for any federal, state or local taxes.

Required Documentation: Essay with supplement materials (please check the website for updated information).

Open to DREAMers: Yes

Scholarship Deadline: October 24, 2014 (*Atlas Shrugged*); March 20, 2015 (*Anthem*); April 26, 2015 (*Fountainhead*)

Varies

Scholarship Name: Illinois Promise Scholarship

Website: <http://www.osfa.uiuc.edu/aid/promise.html>

Scholarship Description: Illinois Promise funding will be provided to eligible students for four years of attendance at Illinois if criteria continue to be met. Annual renewal of the FAFSA is required and students must remain in good academic standing (i.e., eligible to continue studies at the University of Illinois). As with the tuition guarantee, the four years of eligibility for Illinois Promise begins when a student enrolls at the University and runs continuously.

Scholarship Award Amount: Illinois Promise will fund the estimated cost of tuition, fees, room and board, and books and supplies, through grants and scholarships and by working approximately 10-12 hours a week.

Renewable: Yes **Number of Years Renewable:** 4

Scholarship Qualifications: • Parent(s) and student must be Illinois residents.

- Student must be under the age of 24 and admitted as a new freshman or new transfer student.
- Expected Family Contribution (EFC) determined through the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) must equal \$0., Family income must be at or below the federal poverty level.
- Total family assets must be less than \$50,000, Enrolled at least 12 hours during fall or spring semesters.

Required Documentation: FAFSA. Note: There is no separate Illinois Promise application form.

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: Eligibility and award will be determined based off of the undergraduate admission application to University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

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Accredited: In the U.S., colleges and universities are accredited by one of 19 recognized institutional accrediting organizations. Programs are accredited by one of approximately 60 recognized programmatic accrediting organizations. [Accrediting organizations that are “recognized” have been reviewed for quality by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation or the United States Department of Education. Accreditation is a major way that students, families, government officials, and the press know that an institution or program provides a quality education.

AGI (Adjusted Gross Income): All taxable income less IRS allowable adjustments to income. This figure is from U.S. IRS tax forms. For parents this figure is item number 73 in Step Four of the FAFSA and for students, it is item number 35 in Step Two.

Academic Year: A period of at least 30 weeks of instructional time, traditionally September through May, during which a full-time student is expected to complete at least 24 semester hours or credits. The length or dates may be defined differently for an institution that has trimester or measures program length in clock hours.

Community College: Sometimes called junior college or two-year college. Students can take classes, and then transfer to a four-year school, or they can earn certificates, diplomas or associate’s degrees.

Cost of Attendance: The total cost of attending a post-secondary institution (college, university, vocational & technical schools, or graduate schools) for one academic year. The cost of attendance usually includes tuition, fees, room, board, supplies, transportation, and personal expenses.

CSS Profile: The College Scholarship Service Profile is a financial aid form that many colleges and universities use to determine how much non-federal financial aid a student may be eligible for.

DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals): In 2012, the Secretary of Homeland Security announced that certain people who came to the United States as children and meet several key guidelines may request consideration of deferred action for a period of two years, subject to renewal, and would then be eligible for work authorization. Deferred action is a discretionary determination to defer removal action of an individual as an act of prosecutorial discretion. Deferred action does not provide an individual with lawful status.

DREAMer: A non-U.S. citizen or permanent resident high school student who qualifies for in-state college tuition under the Illinois’ HB-60 State Legislation and who will benefit from the Illinois DREAM ACT, a provision that supports children of immigrants in Illinois signed by Governor Pat Quinn in 2011.

EFC (Expected Family Contribution): The amount a family is expected to contribute to a student’s education. EFC is calculated based on family earnings, net assets, savings, and size of family and number of family members in college.

FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid): The form that must be completed by students and parents applying for Federal Title IV student aid: www.fafsa.ed.gov. Note: do NOT use fafsa.com or fafsa.net.

Federal Stafford Loan (also, Federal Direct Loan): These student financial aid loans are obtained through banks, lending institutions or colleges. To qualify, students must be enrolled in a college degree program at least part-time. The loans may be subsidized (need-based, typically for low-income students), or unsubsidized (not need-based so any student can apply). Students apply by filling out the FAFSA. Formerly called the Guaranteed Student Loan.

FSEOG: Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant. This federal government program provides need-based grants to low-income college students, and is administered through the school’s financial aid office.

Federal Work-Study: The Federal Work-Study Program provides part-time jobs for undergraduate and graduate students with financial need, allowing them to earn money to help pay education expenses. The program encourages community service work and work related to each student’s course of study.

Federal Pell Grant: Need-based federal grant of up to \$5,550. Size and eligibility are determined by financial need. Pell Grants are given only for undergraduate or teacher education programs.

Financial Aid: Financial assistance in the form of scholarships, grants, work-study, and loans for education.

Financial Need: The difference between the cost of attendance at a college/institution/university and the Expected Family Contribution.

For-Profit School: Educational institutions that are run by private, profit-seeking companies or organizations.

Full Time: Generally a student who is enrolled for 12 credits or more is considered at full time enrollment.

Graduate Student: A student who holds the bachelor’s degree and is studying for an advanced degree.

GPA: Grade Point Average: The average grade earned by a student, figured by dividing the grade points earned by the number of credits attempted.

Grants: Financial aid awards that do not have to be repaid. Grants are available through the government, state agencies and colleges.

Illinois Monetary Award Program (MAP) Grant: MAP is available from the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) to Illinois residents who are undergraduates at an Illinois college who are enrolled in at least three (3) credit hours. The MAP grant is applied to in-district tuition.

Loan: A type of financial aid that is available to students and parents. Education loan programs have varying interest rates and repayment provisions. An education loan must be repaid. The Community Foundation Loan programs are for students and provided that they are paid according to the payment schedule, no interest is charged.

Major: An academic major, major concentration, concentration, or simply major is mainly a U.S. and Canadian term for a college or university student's main field of specialization during his or her undergraduate studies which would be in addition to, and may incorporate portions of, a core curriculum

Merit-Based: Financial aid for which financial need is not used to determine the recipient. The recipient may be determined by students' athletic, academic, or artistic abilities.

MPN: Master Promissory Note. This form promises repayment, and is signed by a student or parent when taking out a PLUS or Stafford Loan.

Need Analysis: Process used to determine student's need for financial assistance by comparing COA (cost of attendance) with the EFC (expected family contribution).

Need-based: Need-based financial aid is reserved for low-income students.

Net Price Calculator: Calculator that allows prospective students to calculate an estimated net price at an institution using the following basic formula: Price of attendance minus grant aid. Based on the information entered by the student, an average net price of attendance is generated based on what similar students paid in previous year.

Non-Renewable Scholarship: A scholarship that is awarded one time only.

Part Time: Generally a student who is enrolled for 6 – 11 credits is considered at part time enrollment.

PLUS Loans: Loan parents can take out to pay for their dependent child's education expenses (Parent PLUS Loans). Graduate students may also take out loans through the PLUS loan program (Grad PLUS Loans). PLUS loans are not based on need (they do not require submission of the FAFSA) and cannot exceed the COA (Cost of Attendance) minus other financial aid received.

PSAT/NMSQT (Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test / National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test): Practice test for the SAT usually taken in the sophomore or junior year of high school. PSAT scores are used to qualify students as National Merit semifinalists and finalists, which may make them eligible to receive merit-based scholarships from private foundations or their university or college.

Renewable Scholarship: A scholarship that is awarded for more than one year. The student may need to reapply or maintain a specified GPA to retain the scholarship each year

SAR (Student Aid Report): An output document is generated for a student by the Federal application processor. The SAR contains financial and other information reported by the student on the FAFSA. The student's Expected Family Contribution (EFC) is printed on the front of the SAR and is the figure used by colleges to determine eligibility for aid.

SAT: Scholastic Aptitude Test: a standardized aptitude test for college admission developed by the College Entrance Examination Board, consisting of questions testing verbal and mathematical skills that are graded on a scale from 200 to 800 points and according to percentile rank.

Scholarships: Funds used to pay for higher education that do not have to be repaid. Scholarships may be awarded based on any number of criteria, such as academics, achievements, talents, and affiliations with various groups, or career aspirations. Scholarships do not have to be repaid.

Scholarship Acceptance Forms: An official document issued by the scholarship provider listing the scholarship award offered to the applicant. It must be completed and returned by the applicant for the provider.

Stafford Loan: A federally financed student loan. There are two types of Stafford Loans:

- Subsidized Stafford Loan – After filing the FAFSA students with financial need may be eligible to receive the subsidized Stafford Loan, which does not charge interest until the student graduates or leaves school.
- Unsubsidized Stafford Loan – Unsubsidized loans are available for students who do not file the FAFSA or do not qualify for the subsidized loans. Although loan payments are not required until after the student graduates or leaves school, interest charges will accrue (accumulate to be paid at a later date) while the student attends school

Transcript: A list of all the courses that a student has taken at a particular high school or college with the grades that the student earned in each course.

Undergraduate Student: A student in a university or college who has not received a bachelor's degree.

Unmet Need: The amount of financial aid eligibility that is not provided by the institution.

What's Next Illinois (WNI): What's Next Illinois (WNI) is the state of Illinois' free web-based high school, college and career planning tool. It contains comprehensive information and tools to help students and parents navigate the college and career preparation processes. Chicago Public Schools have customized accounts and every CPS sixth-twelfth grade students have access to the tool. Included in CPS' version of WNI, are two free web-based ACT, SAT, PSAT and GRE test prep tools.

Work Study: A program, awarded by the college, through which students work part-time to help fund their education.



CPS Scholarship Application Tracker



Scholarship Name	Award Amount	Renewable	Required Documents	Deadline	Date Submitted	Status
			<input type="checkbox"/> Essay(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Letters of Rec <input type="checkbox"/> Transcript <input type="checkbox"/> ACT Scores <input type="checkbox"/> Resume <input type="checkbox"/> Student Aid Report <input type="checkbox"/> Other:_____			<input type="checkbox"/> Awarded <input type="checkbox"/> Not Awarded
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Chicago Public Schools and City Colleges of Chicago Dual Enrollment

Did you know Chicago Public Schools juniors and seniors can take **FREE** classes at the City Colleges of Chicago?

The Dual Enrollment program allows motivated high school junior and senior students the opportunity to earn college credit, while attending high school. The credits you earn are transferable to many four-year colleges and universities.

Through a partnership with Chicago Public Schools (CPS) and City Colleges of Chicago, high school students are eligible to enroll in a number of college level courses including Art, Biology, Business, Chemistry, Computer Science, Humanities, mathematics, Psychology and Speech.

BENEFITS

- Earn credit for both high school and college
- College credit will be applied to a degree program at one of the City College of Chicago or can be transferred to a four-year college.
- Get access to great college professors.
- Develop important time management and study skills.

REQUIREMENTS

Participants should be a

- Junior or senior in a CPS high school (this includes CPS charter schools)
- GPA of 2.5
- 90% high school attendance rate
- Take the ACT and/or COMPASS Placement Exam. Check the CCC course catalogue for qualifying scores.
- Submit a signed parental permission form.

GETTING STARTED

Everything you need to register for the Dual Enrollment program is included in the CCC Dual Enrollment course schedule - an academic calendar for the summer and fall semesters at City Colleges of Chicago, recommended City Colleges classes, and a dual enrollment checklist. Your first step is to meet with your high school advisor and tell them you want to enroll. Next, contact the dual enrollment representative at your nearest City Colleges.

Location	Dual Enrollment Rep	Email Address	Phone Number
Richard J. Daley College	George Kinlaw	gkinlaw@ccc.edu	(773) 838-7752
Harold Washington College	Kim Bowens	kbowens3@ccc.edu	(312) 553-5666
Kennedy - King College	Shannice Berry	sberry43@ccc.edu	(773) 602-5037
Malcolm X College	Greg Shumpert	gshumpert@ccc.edu	(312) 850-7009
Olive - Harvey College	Holly Thrash	hthrash@ccc.edu	(773) 291-6478
Harry S. Truman College	Meg Brooks	mbrooks5@ccc.edu	(773) 907-4344
Wilbur Wright College	Mila Simeonovska	msimeonovska@ccc.edu	(773) 481-8038

For more information, visit <http://www.ccc.edu/programs/Pages/Dual-Enrollment.aspx>

Scholarship Information for Illinois Public Universities



Chicago State University (CSU)

Link to Transfer Guides: <http://www.csu.edu/provost/transferguides/>

Link to Net Price Calculator: <http://www.csu.edu/financialaid/npcalc.htm>

Link to Institutional Scholarships: <http://www.csu.edu/foundation/>

Eastern Illinois University (EIU)

Link to Transfer Guides: http://www.eiu.edu/~transfer/coop_coursesub.php

Link to Net Price Calculator: <http://eiu.edu/finaid/calculator.php>

Link to Institutional Scholarships: <http://www.eiu.edu/finaid/scholarships.php>

Illinois State University (ISU)

Link to Transfer Guides: <http://www.registrar.ilstu.edu/transfer/course.shtml>

Link to Net Price Calculator: <http://financialaid.illinoisstate.edu/prospective/estimator/>

Link to Institutional Scholarships: <http://financialaid.illinoisstate.edu/scholarships/> or <http://scholarshipfinder.illinoisstate.edu/faq/>

Northeastern Illinois University (NEIU)

Link to Transfer Guides: <http://www.neiu.edu/future-students/transfer-center/transfer-guides>

Link to Net Price Calculator: <http://homepages.neiu.edu/~mtamos/>

Link to Institutional Scholarships: <http://www.neiu.edu/financial-aid/scholarship-opportunities>

Northern Illinois University (NIU)

Link to Transfer Guides: <http://www.niu.edu/admissions/transfer/credits/index.shtml>

Link to Net Price Calculator: <http://www.niu.edu/fa/netprice/npcalc.htm>

Link to Institutional Scholarships:

<http://www.niu.edu/scholarships/>

<http://www.scholarships.niu.edu/ScholarshipFinder/>

Southern Illinois University, Carbondale (SIUC)

Link to Transfer Guides: <http://transfer.siuc.edu/>

Link to Net Price Calculator: <http://www.collegeportraits.org/IL/SIU/estimator/agree>

Link to Institutional Scholarships: <http://scholarships.siu.edu/>

Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville (SIUE)

Link to Transfer Guides: <http://www.siue.edu/transfer/transfer-program-guide.shtml>

<https://ssb.siue.edu/pls/wwwprod/f?p=104:3:1893807836272168::NO::>

Link to Net Price Calculator: <https://siue.studentaidcalculator.com/welcome.aspx>

Link to Institutional Scholarships: <http://www.siue.edu/financialaid/scholarships/institutional.shtml>

University of Illinois, Chicago (UIC)

Link to Transfer Guides: http://www.uic.edu/depts/oar/undergrad/transfer_guides.html

<https://www.transferology.com/welcome.htm>

Link to Net Price Calculator: <http://www.uic.edu/depts/financialaid/npcalc.htm>

Link to Institutional Scholarships: <http://www.uic.edu/depts/financialaid/instprogssclhp.shtml>

Scholarship Information for Illinois Public Universities



University of Illinois, Springfield (UIS)

Link to Transfer Guides: <http://www.uis.edu/admissions/transfer/>

Link to Net Price Calculator: <http://www.uis.edu/financialaid/cost/NetPriceCalculator/npcalc.htm>

Link to Institutional Scholarships: <http://www.uis.edu/financialaid/scholarships/index.html>

University of Illinois, Urbana Champaign (UIUC)

Link to Transfer Guides: http://www.admissions.illinois.edu/apply/requirements_articulation.html

<http://www.admissions.illinois.edu/apply/selectprogram.aspx>

Link to Net Price Calculator: <http://www.osfa.illinois.edu/aid/NPC/NPC.asp>

Link to Institutional Scholarships: <http://www.osfa.uiuc.edu/aid/scholarships/>

Link to ACES Pre-College Program: <http://academics.aces.illinois.edu/diversity>

Western Illinois University (WIU)

Link to Transfer Guides: http://www.wiu.edu/student_services/undergraduate_admissions/transfer/articulation.php

Link to Net Price Calculator: http://www.wiu.edu/student_services/financial_aid/netPriceCalculator.php

Link to Institutional Scholarships: http://www.wiu.edu/student_services/scholarship/

Scholarship Information for the City Colleges of Chicago

City Colleges of Chicago (CCC)

Link to Institutional Scholarships: www.ccc.edu/scholarships

Fall Deadline: June 1-July 15

Spring Deadline: October 15-December 1

Scholarship Application: <https://apps.ccc.edu/scholarships/>

Free Summer Programs:

Scholarship/Program Name	Deadline	Website
Boeing IIT Scholars Academy	February	http://blogs.iit.edu/boeing_scholars/program/
University of Chicago Collegiate Scholars Program	February	http://tinyurl.com/CSPApply2014
Chicago Summer Business Institute	March	http://www.chicagobusinessinstitute.com/how-to-apply/
University of Illinois at Urbana- Champaign ACES	March	http://academics.aces.illinois.edu/diversity/apply
Just The Beginning Foundation (JTBF)	May	http://bit.ly/JTBFSummerPrograms
Chicago State University Prep Program	May	http://bit.ly/ChicagoStatePREPProgram
Year Up	July	http://bit.ly/YearUpProgram
Public Allies	Rolling	http://bit.ly/PublicAlliesInformation

Notes



2014-2015 CPS Calendar of College and Scholarship Events

Date	Event	Location	Time	Event Details	Registration
Friday, September 26, 2014	National Hispanic College Fair	Columbia College, 600 S Michigan Avenue Chicago, IL	9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Middle and high school students can meet with local college and university representatives and attend college planning workshops.	http://bit.ly/1m5R9eE
Saturday, September 27, 2014	NACAC Fair	Navy Pier, Festival Hall A 600 E Grand Avenue Chicago, IL	11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	College-bound seniors are encouraged to attend Chicago's largest college fair.	http://bit.ly/1uA10wJ
Friday, October 3, 2014	CPS Senior Strategic Planning Day	Chicago Public Schools, 125 S. Clark Street, Conference Room 1550 Chicago, IL	5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Top 10 seniors are invited to this college and career planning event. We will help students develop a college budget.	http://bit.ly/CPSEvent
Saturday, October 11, 2014	100 Black Men of Chicago College Scholarship Fair	UIC Forum, 725 S Roosevelt Road Chicago, IL	9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	This is one of Chicago's most prestigious college fairs. Ivy Leagues, public and private universities from across the country attend this fair.	http://100bmc.org/csf-2
Friday, November 14, 2014	11 th Annual Siemens HBCU College Fair	Sheraton Hotel and Towers, 301 E North Water Street, Chicago, IL *Only qualified, registered CPS students may attend	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Representatives from 30 HBCU's will be on-site to provide information about their respective colleges. They will have information about scholarship offerings as well. CPS schools must reserve buses and send groups of students who QUALIFY to attend the college fair.	http://bit.ly/HBCUFairInformation
Friday, January 30, 2015	CPS Scholarship Information Meeting	Chicago Public Schools, 125 S. Clark Street, Conference Room 1550 Chicago, IL	5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Arrive at 4:30 p.m. if you need to complete the FAFSA	Top performing students from across the district are invited to hear from CPS' Strategic Scholarship Providers, complete the FAFSA and develop a college plan.	https://www.chooseyourfuture.org/calendar
Friday, May 22, 2014	Scholarship Awards Luncheon	To be determined	12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Class of 2015 senior who are awarded the City Treasurer's, Dolores Saxton Walker, Gates, Posse, Golden Apple, McKinsey Diverse Young Leaders, UNCF CPS, Carson Fund, Wentcher Educational Fund scholarship winners and students with a 36 ACT score are invited to attend this luncheon.	https://www.chooseyourfuture.org/calendar

