

IEF Scholarship Application 2009-2010 Academic Year

Deadline: April 30, 2009

The Illinois Education Foundation scholarship program awards last dollar scholarships covering the educational expenses required to attend community college, in addition to many affiliated schools and programs. This program is designed to give students the funds that make being a full-time student possible, in addition to the financial aid for which they qualify.

More importantly, IEF Scholars will participate in a program that includes one-on-one advising and mentoring, seminars and educational supports designed to provide a successful college experience. The number of scholarship recipients will be based on available funds.

Before completing the application, make sure that you are eligible for the IEF Scholarship. If all of the statements below are true, you are eligible.

- I have a GPA of 2.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale.
- I will have a high school diploma or G.E.D. by June 2009.
- I am eligible for in-district tuition rates.
- I will disclose any prior police record and I understand this will not necessarily disqualify me from consideration.
- I will be a full-time student (minimum 12 credit hours) if accepted into the program.
- I am in pursuit of my first college degree.
- I have applied to and will attend a community college that partners with the IEF.*

* The IEF partners with the City Colleges of Chicago, McHenry County College, Prairie State College, and South Suburban College.

The following materials MUST be included with your application:

- 1) Application Form
- 2) High School Transcript
- 3) Copy of SAT or ACT scores (for high school applicants)
- 4) Two Personal Essays (directions in application form)
- 5) Copy of your Student Aid Report from the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- 6) Letter of Recommendation from someone to whom you are not related

If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact:

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Activities and Awards

School and community activities: List school-related or community activities in which you have participated. Avoid abbreviating activity names. List dates of participation in **mm/yy** format. Please feel free to attach a separate sheet of paper with activities, awards, and employment history.

Activity	Office(s) Held	Dates of Participation	Hours per Week

Honors and Awards: List awards or honors which you have received. List date of award or honor in **mm/yy** format.

Name of Award or Honor	Award-granting Organization or Institution	Date of Award or Honor

Employment

List any jobs you have held, including summer jobs.

Employer	Job/Type of Work	From (mm/yy)	To (mm/yy)	Hours per Week

Personal Statement

Please type **TWO 1-2-page essays** and attach them both to your application. Please write the essays on the following:

Describe an obstacle you have overcome.

Explain your educational and/or career goals and how you plan to achieve them.

Disclosure

I hereby certify that the information in this application is, to the best of my knowledge, true and correct. I have not knowingly withheld any facts that could otherwise jeopardize consideration of my application. In addition, by signing this application, I understand that the information contained in this application may be used by the college at which I enroll and the Illinois Education Foundation for normal business purposes, including marketing and public relations, and I consent to the use of anything contained in this application for such purposes. I also give the Illinois Education Foundation access to all of my academic and attendance records and student account information from the college at which I enroll during the time period in which I am being considered for this scholarship. This information will be used for purposes of reviewing my application. I further authorize the college at which I enroll to provide such information. I understand that scholarship awards are based on the availability of funds. The Illinois Education Foundation reserves the right to withhold, reduce or stop scholarship recipients' monies should expectations not be met according to the rules expressed and interpreted by the Illinois Education Foundation.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Printed Name

Application Checklist

Please make sure that your application is complete. The Illinois Education Foundation will not accept incomplete applications. Before sending in application, make sure that the following is included:

- Completed Application Form
- High School or College Transcript
- Copy of ACT or SAT scores (for high school applicants)
- Two Personal Essays
- Student Aid Report from the FAFSA
- Letter of Recommendation from a non-relative

Send Completed Applications to:

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