



CITY COLLEGES *of* CHICAGO

Wilbur Wright

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The Gateway Advising & Transfer Center
Scholarship Guide

This is a brief guide to scholarship opportunities regardless of immigration status.

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I. City Colleges of Chicago Scholarships

Scholarship opportunities are administered through the City Colleges of Chicago Foundation. Scholarships will be awarded based on a student's academic achievements, individual goals, and recommendations.

Link: <http://www.ccc.edu/services/Pages/Scholarships.aspx>
[City College of Chicago Scholarship Frequently Asked Questions](#)

A. Oscar E. Shabat Wright College Scholarship

The Oscar E. Shabat Wright College Scholarship Fund was established to honor Dr. Oscar E. Shabat, founding chancellor of the City Colleges of Chicago and former professor of Social Sciences at Wright College. The purpose of the fund is to provide financial assistance for deserving students based on either scholastic merit (exclusive of financial need) or financial need. Scholarship monies are to be used to defray educational costs (tuition, fees, or books), while enrolled at Wilbur Wright College or Humboldt Park Vocational Education Center (HPVEC).

In rare cases, scholarship funds may be used as matching funds (maximum \$250 one-time scholarship) to pay a prior balance at Wright College or HPVEC.

Application Deadline:

- Fall Semester Window: June 1 - July 15 at 5:00 pm
- Spring Semester Window: October 15 - December 1 at 5:00 pm

Award Amount: \$250.00 - \$1,000.00

Note: High School or GED Graduate

B. Paralegal Program Textbook Scholarship

This is a student scholarship program that supports two important goals:
1) Recruiting and facilitating minority and under-represented groups in their pursuit of entering the paralegal profession and 2) Students receive scholarship funding to help support the achievement of their educational goals.

The fund was established through donations from the Paralegal Program Advisory Board.

Application Deadline:

- Fall Semester Window: June 1 - July 15
- Spring Semester Window: October 15 - December 1 at 5:00 pm

Award Amount: \$200.00 annually (\$100 each Fall/Spring semester)

Special Criteria: Applicants must complete an additional essay (500 words or less) describing what they hope to accomplish with their paralegal degree. The essay must be turned in with the application.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Must be pursuing the AAS in Paralegal Studies;
- Candidates must have completed a minimum of 12 credit hours, including at least 6 hours toward graduation with an AAS in Paralegal Studies at the City Colleges of Chicago;
- A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5;
- Good judicial standing and demonstrated initiative as determined by the scholarship committee;
- Must be a resident of the City of Chicago and eligible for in-district tuition rates;
- Applicants must complete an additional 500 word or less, essay describing what you hope to accomplish with your paralegal degree. The essay must be turned in with the application.

C. Chicago Police and Fire Training Academy Scholarship

The Chicago Police and Firefighters Training Academy Scholarships are tuition and fee-based scholarships. Students whose total tuition and fee expenses are met through the Pell Grant, Monetary Award Program (MAP) or other financial awards are not eligible to receive this scholarship.

Application Deadline:

- Fall Semester Window: June 1 -July 15
- Spring Semester Window: October 15 -December 1

Award Amount: The scholarship will cover the cost of tuition and fees associated with college credit course work at one of the City Colleges of Chicago.

Additional Criteria:

- The scholarship may be used in the fall and spring terms only, it is not available during the summer.
- Awardees must maintain enrollment in a degree granting program at CCC during the award period.
- The scholarship is renewable for two consecutive semesters: however, students must apply each semester (by completing the scholarship renewal process in the Student Services Office) and maintain the required grade point average to qualify for continued eligibility.

D. Kiki Karas Scholarship Fund

The purpose of this scholarship is to provide monies toward tuition. A \$500.00 scholarship will be offered each semester

Application Deadline:

- Fall Semester Window: June 1 -July 15
- Spring Semester Window: October 15 -December 1

Award Amount: One (1) \$500.00 scholarship each semester

Special Criteria: The personal statement completed during the application process must include an explanation of their career choice

Eligibility Criteria:

- Must have attended Wright College for at least one semester & have a GPA of 3.0
- Student should be studying English & would like to teach at the secondary or college level or aspire to be a writer.
- Each applicant must submit an essay explaining their career choice.

II. External Scholarships

A. Buick Achievers Scholarship Program

Link: [http://www.buickachievers.com/guidelines/
Buick Scholarship Frequently asked Questions](http://www.buickachievers.com/guidelines/Buick_Scholarship_Frequently_asked_Questions)

The Buick Achievers Scholarship Program wants to reward students who have succeeded both inside and outside of the classroom—and who may not be able to attend college without financial assistance.

Application Open: Its generally open on January 6 and closes on February 28.

Award Amount: 100 applicants will Up to \$25,000.

Note: Must be Citizen or Permanent Resident. It's a renewable Scholarship and can be only at any four-year accredited college or university in the United States or Puerto Rico (excluding proprietary and online schools).

B. Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute, Inc. (CHCI)

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

CHCI's educational services are designed to provide Latino students with the tools and resources they need to succeed in attaining a higher education. CHCI's web site contains information on college preparation, scholarships, internships, fellowships and a section for parents to assist them in successfully guiding their children from K-12 education to the university setting.

Application Deadline: It opens around early spring and April 16. Check website for any changes.

Award Amount: \$1,000 – 2,500

Note: Must be Citizen or Permanent Resident

C. Hobson's College View

Link: www.collegeview.com/financialaid/salliemae.jsp

Collegeview.com is a scholarship search engine which reaches millions of students, parents, and counselors in North America and around the world who are actively exploring higher education options and career opportunities. The web site includes an online guide highlighting Hispanic colleges and universities.

Note: Create an account and use their Scholarship search engine

D. Guadalupe A. Reyes Fiesta del Sol Scholarship

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

The Guadalupe A. Reyes Fiesta del Sol Scholarship Program has celebrated over a decade of awarding scholarships to students from the Southwest side of the city and beyond. Due to Guadalupe A. Reyes' dedication and commitment to people in need, the Scholarship Program has been renamed in her honor. The Scholarship Program offers an opportunity for students to get \$1,500 for their college expenses, but more than that, they strive to give students an opportunity to exercise leadership skills, relationship building and teamwork.

Application Deadline: It opens early spring and closes on March 14. Check website the for any changes

Award Amount: \$1,500

Eligibility:

- Be or become a volunteer at Pilsen Neighbors Community Council/Fiesta del Sol
- Be Latino/a and live on the Southwest side of Chicago within the following boundaries: Between 16th Street and 79th Street and between Cicero Avenue (4800 West) and Canal Street (500 West);

E. Illinois Dream Fund

Link: <http://illinoisdreamfund.org/index.html>

The Illinois Dream Fund Scholarship seeks to create access to financial resources to further growth and development for the immigrant leaders of tomorrow.

Application Open: Opens around December and generally closes on March 15,

Award Amount:

- 2 year institutions: Tuition up to \$2,000
- 4 year institutions: Tuition up to \$6,000 towards first Bachelor degree

Note: Must be Undocumented

F. La Unidad Latina Foundation Inc.

Link: www.lulfoundation.org/Apply/tabid/60/Default.aspx

La Unidad Latina Foundation awards scholarship grants to worthy and needy students for the pursuit of higher education. Scholarships are available on a competitive basis to Hispanic students enrolled at community colleges, at four-year institutions, and in graduate programs.

Application Deadline: For the fall semester, January 1st through February 15th deadline and For the Spring semester, September 1st through October 15th deadline.

Award Amount: \$250 to \$1000

Note: Open to all Hispanic students regardless of status. GPA must be 2.80 and up out of a 4.0 GPA Scale. This scholarship is for those that are enrolled in a four year college pursuing a Bachelor or Master degree

G. LINC TELACU Education Foundation Scholarship Program

Link: <http://telacu.com/site/en/home/education/applications.html>

Administered by the TELACU Education Foundation, the Scholarship Program was created in 1983 to develop and empower new generations of leaders in the communities it serves.

Application Deadline: TBD (March 22, 2013) Refer to website for more information.

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

Note: Must be first generation college student; must be a permanent resident of Illinois. The Website is currently unavailable, but it's going to reopen on April 7, 2014.

H. LULAC National Scholarship Fund

Link: <http://www.lnesc.org/site/338/Scholarships/LULAC-National-Scholarship-Fund>

LNESC and LULAC established the LNSF to help youth in underserved communities make the dream of college enrollment a reality. LNSF is a unique partnership between grassroots advocates and corporations to fund educational opportunities for deserving youth across the U.S. Every dollar raised by local LULAC Councils is matched by corporate partners secured by LNESC to increase the amount given in both the council and corporation's name. This model results in a true grassroots/corporate partnership for the empowerment of the Latino community. Former recipients of LNSF scholarships are now leaders in fields of business, science, government, and education.

Application Open: It opens in January and closes around March 31

Award Amount: \$250 - \$2,000

Note: Open to all, regardless of status

I. Scholar Search

Link: www.scholarsite.com

Student may use this site to search for scholastic financial aid quickly and accurately without losing time and privacy by entering personal information.

Note: Create an account and use the Scholarship search engine

J. United Negro College Fund (UNCF)

Link: <https://scholarships.uncf.org/>

UNCF (United Negro College Fund) is the nation's largest and most effective minority education organization. UNCF provides operating funds for 37 member historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs), scholarships and internships for students at about 900 institutions and faculty and administrative professional training.

Note: Scholarship search engine open to Citizens and Permanent Residents

K. United States Hispanic Leadership Institute (USHLI)

Link: <http://www.usqli.org/student>

USHLI is one of the most powerful, nationally and internationally recognized Latino organizations in the country by organizing and conducting nonpartisan voter registration and leadership development programs in 40 states. The Dr. Juan Andrade Scholarship for Young Hispanic Leaders was established by the USHLI Board of Directors in 1994.

Award Amount: \$500 - 1,000

Eligibility Requirements:

- To qualify, applicants must be enrolled or accepted for enrollment as a full-time student in a four-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.

Note: Open to all regardless of immigration status; however, one parent must be of Hispanic ancestry. This link has several scholarships in its list, check each for more information.

L. Chicano Organizing & Research in Education (Core)

<http://www.ca-core.org/>

This Scholarship was founded with the intent of providing a direct response to what is an unfair immigration system that continues to deprive aspiring new scholars from continuing their education in the only country they have ever known, the U.S. As such, we find it imperative to provide a scholarship that attempts to alleviate the enormous financial burden of going to college until comprehensive immigration reform is passed and implemented in this country.

Application Deadline: February 22, Check the website for information on when the application will open.

Eligibility Requirements: Applicants 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.

Note: Open to all, regardless of status

M. Little Village Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors Scholarship Program

<http://littlevillagechamber.org/scholarship-application/>

We are proud to serve the large Latino population in the Chicago land area. Our vision is to strengthen our communities by advancing the college education of Latino Students through our Ambassador Scholarship Program. During the program's 6-year history, the LV Chamber has awarded more than 170 scholarships in excess of \$450 thousand to Hispanic students in Little Village and surrounding communities

- **Application Open:** Opens early spring, deadline is April 4.
- **Award Amount:** Unknown, Check the website for further updates
- **Eligibility Requirements:** Be a graduating high school senior, class of 2014, or an undergraduate/graduate student having completed 12 college credits. Be enrolled full-time in a degree-seeking program at a four-year U.S. accredited university or a two year U.S. community college for the 2014 college academic year (enrollment is verified in the fall of 2014). Have a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (high school senior) or 2.8 on a 4.0 scale (undergraduate/ graduate). Be residing in the following Chicago, Illinois, Zip codes: 60608, 60609, 60623, 60632 and 60629.
- **Note:** No information was given about Citizen Statues requirement, but check the website for further updates

n. Illinois Latino Council on Higher Education

<http://ilache.com/>

The Illinois Latino Council on Higher Education (ILACHE) is pleased to offer two \$1000 scholarships to Latino/students in Illinois who exhibit outstanding commitment to learning, community service, and leadership. ILACHE is an action oriented, independent advocacy group for Latinos in higher education in the areas of access and equity as it relates to employment, college admission, and legislation in the State of Illinois.

- **Application Deadline:** May 1, Check website for more information on when the application opens.
- **Award Amount:** Two \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded.
- **Eligibility Requirements:** No Citizenship or Permanent Residents required. Applications are considered complete when a scholarship application, essay, and

all required supporting documents are received. Letters of recommendation and the official transcript must be collected by you (the applicant) in sealed envelopes and mailed together.

o. Hispanic Student Scholarships

<http://latinocollegedollars.org/>

Hispanic Student Fund is a scholarship search engine for Latinos. Latinos use this site to search for scholarships to help them continue their education. It's a website with an up to date database of over \$2.4 million in scholarships.

p. Golden Door Scholars

<http://www.goldendoorscholars.org/students.html>

Our goal is to change the trajectory of undocumented students' lives through creating scholarship opportunities and increasing awareness. The Golden Door Scholars program aims to send a handful of local students to college while increasing awareness across the Carolinas. Our goal is to start a national movement to educate students, teachers and families and to ultimately inspire change in as many lives as possible.

Application Deadline: November is the deadline. Check website for when the application opens.

Award Amount: Full tuition, room and board for a four-year degree. Students attending a community college are welcome to apply.

Eligibility Requirements: No proof of citizenship or permanent, Applicants must be eligible for DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals).

Note: This scholarship is open to everyone in United states.

Q. Jack Kent Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship

<http://www.jkcf.org/scholarship-programs/undergraduate-transfer/>

The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship makes it possible for the nation's top community college students to complete their bachelor's degrees by transferring to a four-year college or university. The Foundation provides up to \$30,000 per year to each of approximately 75 deserving students selected annually, making it the largest private scholarship for two-year and community college transfer students in the country.

- **Application Deadline: (Phase 1)** Opens on September 12 and due by November 7, **(Phase 2)** Opens on November 26 due by December 16
- **Award Amount:** 75 students will win up to \$30,000
- **Eligibility Requirements:** Be a current student at an accredited US community college or two-year institution with sophomore status as of December 31, 2013, or a recent graduate (since spring 2009). Plan to enroll in a full-time baccalaureate program at an accredited college or university in the fall of 2014. Have a cumulative undergraduate grade point average of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale (or the equivalent). Not have previously been nominated for the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship
- **Note:** All applicants start in Phase 1, then when Phase 2 starts selected applicants will be invited to proceed to Phase 2 of the application.

R. Univision's "Es El Momento" Scholarship

<https://www.scholarshipaid.net/app/univision/>

Application Deadline: Opens on October 8 and the deadline is November 8

Award Amount: \$5,000

Eligibility Requirements: High school senior, community college student, or undergraduate student enrolled in a 4-year university Be a Latino/a student, have a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.00 on a scale of 4.00, and have a history of extracurricular activities.

s. Frank Kazmierczak Memorial Migrant Scholarship

<http://www.migrant.net/migrant/scholarships/kazmierczak.htm>

The purpose of this scholarship is to serve as a living tribute to Frank Kazmierczak, a long time migrant educator, by offering an annual award in the amount of \$1,000 for post-secondary scholarship assistance to a migrant student who wishes to pursue a career in teaching.

- **Application Deadline:** February 1, Check website for information on when the application opens.
- **Award Amount:** \$1,000
- **Eligibility Requirements:** Child of a migrant worker or a migrant worker (priority will be given to those with mobility in the last 3 years). Teaching as a career goal, Scholastic achievement, Financial need.

T. TYLENOL Future Care Scholarship

<http://www.tylenol.com/news/scholarship>

If you have chosen to pursue a career that's all about taking care of others, the makers of TYLENOL® want to help take care of up to \$10,000 of your tuition. Now in its 24th year, the TYLENOL® Future Care Scholarship Program helps students getting a healthcare-related education to manage the rising costs of education. Since we believe people just like you are the future of healthcare, we'll be awarding a total of \$250,000 in scholarships. 40 winners will receive awards of either \$5,000 or \$10,000. We encourage any student who is pursuing a career in healthcare to apply. The future needs you!

- **Application Deadline:** June, Refer to the website on when the application becomes available.
- **Award Amount:** \$5,000 or \$10,000
- **Eligibility Requirements:** Student must be pursuing a healthcare-related degree. Scholarships are awarded based on leadership qualities, academic excellence and community involvement. Students can apply electronically

III. Colleges and Universities

Below is a list of schools which serve students regardless of immigration status. By clicking on the school you will be linked to their scholarship page. For detailed information on undocumented friendly scholarships and/or how to navigate the admission process at each institution, please refer to ICIRR's Private Scholarship Guide.

http://icirr.org/sites/default/files/student_guide_for_illinois_undocumented_students_dream_act.pdf

A. Illinois Colleges & Universities

[AURORA UNIVERSITY](#)
[BRADLEY UNIVERSITY](#)
[CHICAGO STATE UNIVERSITY](#)
[COLLEGE OF DUPAGE](#)
[COLLEGE OF LAKE COUNTY](#)
[DEPAUL UNIVERSITY](#)
[DOMINICAN UNIVERSITY](#)
[EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY](#)
[ELMHURST COLLEGE](#)
[ILLINOIS COLLEGE](#)
[ILLINOIS](#)
[INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY](#)
[ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY](#)
[ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY](#)
[KNOX COLLEGE](#)
[LAKE FOREST COLLEGE](#)
[LEWIS UNIVERSITY](#)

[LINCOLN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY](#)
[LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO](#)
[NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY](#)
[NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY](#)
[NORTH CENTRAL COLLEGE](#)
[OAKTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE](#)
[ROOSEVELT UNIVERSITY](#)
[SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY CARBONDALE](#)
[SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY-EDWARDSVILLE](#)
[UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS URBANA CHAMPAIGN](#)
[UNIVERSITY OF SAINT FRANCIS](#)
[WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY](#)

B. Out-of-state Colleges & Universities

[CORNELL COLLEGE](#)
[MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY](#)
[NORTHERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY](#)
[SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY](#)
[SETON HALL UNIVERSITY](#)
[UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-PARKSIDE](#)
[WARTBURG COLLEGE](#)

IV. External Links.

These links provided have additional list of scholarships that don't require SSN's.

"We believe that *everyone* has the fundamental right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, regardless of their place of birth or immigration status. And for those who are educating themselves to be better citizens of the world, we believe that they should be given the chance to take advantage of every opportunity. That is why we believe in immigrant rights." - Harvard College Act on a Dream

- <http://www.actonadream.org/resources/scholarships/>
- <http://www.10000degrees.org/students/scholarships/undocumented-students/>
- <http://icirr.org/content/immigrant-student-scholarship-guide>
- <http://www.inesc.org/site/296/Scholarships>