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Zobia Chunara, Northside College Prep, Class of 2012, Yale University, Class of 2016

Zobia was the recipient of several scholarships, including three CPS Strategic Scholarships - the Dolores Saxton Walker Scholarship, Carson Scholars Fund Scholarship and the CME Group Mayoral Award for Student Achievement. What made it possible for her to be awarded so many scholarships? She maintained an excellent grade point average, obtained a high ACT score and logged over 650 hours of community service. Additionally, Zobia carefully researched and applied for scholarships that were a match to her academic profile, college major, and community service interests.

Faraz Khan, Lake View High School, Class of 2012, Middlebury College, Class of 2016

Faraz was the recipient of the Posse Scholarship and an institutional scholarship from Middlebury College. These scholarships enabled him to attend college debt-free. How did he do it? He conducted research on his top college choices and researched and applied for scholarship opportunities that were a match to his academic profile. Additionally he maintained a high grade point average, was a local school council student representative and senior class vice president.

Latavia Hill, Hyde Park Career Academy, Class of 2012, Philander Smith College, Class of 2016

Latavia was the recipient of two CPS Strategic Scholarships – the CPS UNCF Scholarship and the CPS Siemens HBCU Scholarship. In addition to winning the strategic scholarships, she was also awarded the Dell Scholarship. How did she do it? Hard work and planning. She was ranked number 1 in her graduating class, was a member of the Hyde Park Soccer Team, and was involved in multiple service learning projects. Most importantly, she spent a lot of time researching scholarships and developed a plan for success.

Taylor Davis, Turner Drew Language Academy, 2012 1st Place Dusable Essay Winner for 3rd Grade

Advice from Taylor: Students should just try and do their best – they may win!
2012-2013 CPS Scholarship Guide

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

The K-12 Counseling and Advising Department of CPS’ Office of Pathways to College and Career is pleased to provide you with the 2012-2013 CPS Scholarship Guide. The goal of this guide is to help students successfully plan for methods of financing their college degrees/programs.

The Facts:

CPS is the nation’s third largest urban school district with over 400,000 students, 87% of them coming from low-income families.

College Enrollment for CPS Students:

The district’s college enrollment rate is currently 59.5%. This rate has consistently risen since 2004. In order to maintain this positive momentum, 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.

The Playing Field:

According to a study released by the Pew Foundation on September 26, 2012, A Record One-In-Five Households Now Owe Student Loan Debt, forty-four percent (44%) of households headed by someone 35 and under had student loan debt in 2010.

The Importance of Scholarships:

Last year, over $260 million dollars in scholarships were offered to CPS graduates. Many of those students would not have been able to attend college without them. 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.

• This guide does not contain a comprehensive list of available scholarships. We strongly encourage you to develop a scholarship profile on What’s Next Illinois and search for scholarships. Other scholarship 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.

• Scholarship deadlines and qualifications change annually. Be advised to verify deadlines and criteria from the provider’s web site or to request copies of information pertaining to the scholarship.

• Many colleges and universities provide their own scholarships. Be sure to visit their 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.

We wish you the best in your college and scholarship searches. Included in this guide is the CPS 12th Grade Individual Learning Plan (ILP) which provides you with a detailed college success plan. Please use it to map out your college plan. Send an e-mail to collegescholarships@cps.edu to let us know the helpfulness of both the guide and the ILP.

Sincerely,

Barbara Karpouzian,
Director, K-12 Counseling & Advising

Marcia Boyd,
Project Manager (Scholarships & WNI)
Web Resources for College and Career Planning

College Admission Types:

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
www.collegeboard.com/parents/apply/college-applications/21342.htm
www.back2college.com/gpa.htm

Estimate the Cost Of Attendance (U.S. Department of Education’s Net Price Calculator*):
*Please use this calculator. It is one of the best tools to help you estimate the cost of attendance!

FAFSA Forecaster (estimate the amount of federal student aid you’re eligible to receive):
https://fafsa.ed.gov/FAFSA/app/f4cForm?execution=e1s1
Federal Application For Free Student Aid (FAFSA) (Seniors should file on January 1st or soon after!):
www.fafsa.ed.gov

Scholarships:
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.illinoisdreamfund.org/  (Illinois Dream Fund Scholarship For Undocumented Students)
www.cappex.com

Money Management:
Junior Achievement:  http://studentcenter.ja.org/Money/Pages/default.aspx
My Money Management: http://www.mymoneymanagement.net/
Pew Foundation Report on student loans:

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
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.

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!

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.

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)

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<th>College Name</th>
<th>Average Freshman ACT Score</th>
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### Does the college offer the major that leads to my career interest?

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<th>Average Freshman ACT Score</th>
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### Annual Cost of Attendance

- Tuition: 
- Room & Board: 

### Postsecondary Planning

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<tr>
<th>Date you applied to your top three colleges</th>
<th>Date you completed the EFC Calculator</th>
<th>List three scholarships that you applied for</th>
<th>Delaying college to work?</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>College Name</td>
<td>Date Applied</td>
<td>Month Day Year</td>
<td>College Name</td>
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*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.*

**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

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<th>Subject</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Credits Earned</th>
<th>Grade Earned</th>
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<th>Grade Earned</th>
<th>Total Credits Required for Graduation</th>
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<td>English</td>
<td>English I, English II, English III, English IV.</td>
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<td>Mathematics</td>
<td>Algebra, Geometry, Advanced Algebra/Trigonometry. (Students successfully completing Algebra and/or Geometr</td>
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<td>Science</td>
<td>Biology and 2 years of Laboratory Science, which must include Chemistry, Earth and Space Science, Environmental Science, or Physics.</td>
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<td>Social Science</td>
<td>World Studies, United States History, and one other Social Science course.</td>
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<tr>
<td>World Language</td>
<td>Two years of the same world language.</td>
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<td>Fine Arts</td>
<td>One year of Music and one year of Art or Drafting.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Physical Education</td>
<td>One year of Physical Education I (ESL) or ROTC I (Health and Physical Education II) Drivers Education or ROTC III (Drivers Education in 9th and 10th grades)</td>
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<td>Career Education (ROTC)</td>
<td>CTE programs, advanced academic fine arts options or ROTC IV.</td>
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<td>Electives</td>
<td>Selection of an additional three courses not already listed above.</td>
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### Non-Credit Bearing Requirements

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<th>Subject</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Requirements Met?</th>
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<td>Service Learning</td>
<td>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.</td>
<td>□ Complete □ Incomplete</td>
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<td>Consumer Education</td>
<td>Complete a course integrating consumer education curriculum.</td>
<td>□ Complete □ Incomplete</td>
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<tr>
<td>Public Law 185</td>
<td>Demonstrate knowledge of U.S. and Illinois constitutions as part of subject area curricula and/or Constitution test.</td>
<td>□ Complete □ Incomplete</td>
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<tr>
<td>PSAE</td>
<td>Public Act 9857 requires students to take the Prairie State Achievement Examination (PSAE) as a condition for receiving a regular high school diploma.</td>
<td>□ Complete □ Incomplete</td>
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<tr>
<td>Remediation</td>
<td>In order to graduate from CPS, all students must meet the credit and non-credit bearing requirements. Students who do not meet credit-bearing requirements must make up the credits in evening or summer school or through on-line classes.</td>
<td>□ Student met all grade-level requirements □ Student did not meet all grade-level requirements</td>
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### College Admissions

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<th>College Name</th>
<th>Date Admitted</th>
<th>Did you include all colleges you applied to on the FAFSA?</th>
<th>Were you selected for Verification?</th>
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<td>Yes □ No □</td>
<td>Yes □ No □</td>
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**Indicate which college you sent your enrollment deposit/statement. (Note: May 1st for National/Decisions Day)**

**Do you have enough financial aid to cover the cost of attendance?**

**Student kept appointment?**

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<th>Student Signature</th>
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<th>Counselor/Teacher/Coach Signature</th>
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**2nd Semester Meeting Deadline: June 1st**

**ILP Meeting Date:**

**Student's IEP Reviewed?**

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<tr>
<th>Yes □ No □</th>
<th>Not Applicable</th>
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**Student Signature:**

**Date:**

**Counselor/Teacher/Coach Signature:**

**Date:**

**Parent/Guardian Signature:**

**Date:**
Scholarship Tips
For Parents and Guardians

Get the Facts
• Know your child’s credentials. Review your child’s eligibility for scholarships by requesting a copy of your child’s transcript, standardized test scores and creating a list of his/her extracurricular activities.

Sticker Price vs. Affordability
• Paying for college is a family decision. One in five households owes student loan debt. Be realistic when making college decisions.
• The tuition price in the brochure is not what low income families pay. Sixty-five percent of college students receive financial assistance to attend college.
• Financing a child’s college education generally costs $50K - $80K. If you are like most families, and you want to be considered for scholarships and grants, in most cases you will need to provide the following financial documentation to scholarship providers and colleges: IRS Form 1040 or 1040EZ, W2’s, 1099’s, child support, TANF letter, social security, unemployment or veteran’s benefits.
• Colleges use a formula to determine your Expected Family Contribution (EFC). This is the amount that your family is expected to pay for your child’s college education. You can estimate your EFC by using a free online calculator in What’s Next Illinois.
• Paying for college is a family decision and your child may need to know your household income. Prepare your tax return in January or as early as possible. This will be helpful as you fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The FAFSA determines a student’s eligibility to receive the Federal Pell Grant ($5,550 annual maximum award), SEOG Grant ($4,000 annual maximum award), Federal Teach Grant ($4,000 annual maximum award), Iraq Afghanistan Grant ($4,000 annual maximum award), Federal Stafford Loans, and the College Work Study Program. Completing the FAFSA also helps determine eligibility for state grant programs such as the Illinois Monetary Award Program Grant ($4,720 annual maximum) and certain scholarships require that students complete the FAFSA.

Research
• Use the U.S. Department of Education’s Net Price Calculator to determine the cost of attendance and have realistic conversations with your children early in the process. Let them know what you can and cannot afford. Net Price Calculator Link: http://www.collegecost.ed.gov/netpricecenter.aspx
• Help your child by signing up for free online alerts from websites like FastWeb and other scholarship sites.

Deadlines
• Verify scholarship deadlines. Check the scholarship provider’s web site and verify the deadline. This Scholarship Guide was produced before the current year’s deadlines could be verified. Go to the provider’s web site and contact them via email or phone.
• Set a family deadline 2 weeks before the official deadline to ensure that applications are submitted in time.
• Create a master schedule of your scholarship deadlines and follow up with your child.

Paper Trail
• Make a copy of every scholarship application and record the date submitted.
• Never send original tax returns, W2’s or other proof of income records. Copies are strongly recommended.

Beware of Scams
• Every year, several hundred thousand students and parents are defrauded by scholarship scams. The victims of these scams lose more than $100 million annually. Scam operations often imitate legitimate government agencies, grant-giving foundations, education lenders and scholarship matching services, using official-sounding names containing words like “National,” “Federal,” “Foundation,” or “Administration.”
• Do not pay an application fee for a scholarship or to redeem a scholarship prize or to any person or company to search for scholarships.
• Do not respond to emails requesting your social security numbers.
• Beware of FREE seminars provided by insurance companies, banks and brokerage firms. These events are usually to sell you products.
Scholarship Tips
For Students

Get Organized and Ready to Work
• Finding and applying for scholarships is labor intensive and you must be methodical and highly organized. Your search will feel like adding a sport, club or part time job to your schedule. Make the time. Schedule 2-3 hours of each week to research and to write.
• You need a box of manila folders and a small file box to deal with all of the paperwork. Make a file folder for each scholarship and organize by deadline.

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.
  • Pay for Certified Mail/Return Receipt Requested at the Post Office for a Delivery Confirmation which provides the date and time your documents are received or a Signature Confirmation which provides the date, time and the signature of the person who received it.
• Make copies of every application you submit.
Scholarship Tips
For Counselors, Faculty and other School-Based Staff

It Takes a Village
• Engage students, parents, administration, faculty, staff, and community based organizations in disseminating scholarship information.

Create a Communication Plan
• Plan at least 5 touches or contacts with targeted seniors i.e., phone, email, report card pick up, conference etc.
• Create email distribution lists for your students, faculty, key school based staff.
• Host brown bag lunches for teachers and let them know what scholarships are coming up.
• Share the district’s monthly scholarship bulletin with all constituencies.
• Host monthly scholarship workshops for students.

Collaborate
• Enlist the help of staff in programs that operate in your building such as AVID, GEAR UP, CTE, and community based organizations.
• Work with the Local School Council (LSC) and Parent Teacher Association (PTA) to share information with parents.
• Identify strategic adults and senior clubs and organizations to help spread the word.
• Ask faculty about content area specific scholarships.
• Engage the English department and find a way to work college and scholarship essay writing into the curriculum.

Data Management
• Identify a Scholarship Coordinator in the building who will gather scholarship information and enter it into a database.
• Keep a spreadsheet of all of your seniors’ names, GPA’s, divisions, scholarship applied to and awarded.
• Make paper copies of applications and keep on file in the Counseling Office.
• Make seniors bring you their financial aid and scholarship award letters and maintain a copy for audits.

Accountability System
• Establish procedures and deadlines for requesting recommendations.
• Set deadlines 3-4 weeks in advance of official deadlines.
• Make copies or tell students to make copies of all applications.

College Rep Visits
• Ask each rep that comes to your school about institutional scholarships.

Give Incentives
• Interrupt senioritis. Use a few carrots to motivate the students to persevere with the scholarship applications.
• Create a scholarship club and give awards for most applications, top awards etc.
• Set a scholarship goal for the building.

Celebrate Your Success
• Share your scholarship success at graduation, on the web site, in the local press, via your Alderman.

TIME + HARDWORK = SCHOLARSHIP DOLLARS
Strategic Chicago Public Schools 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.

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<th>Scholarship/Program Name</th>
<th>Deadline</th>
<th>Award Amount</th>
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<tr>
<td>Quest Bridge National Match Program</td>
<td>September</td>
<td>Varies-Full tuition and room and board (not listed in guide)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Golden Apple Scholars</td>
<td>November</td>
<td>Full tuition assistance plus summer stipend</td>
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<tr>
<td>CPS Siemens HBCU Scholarship Program</td>
<td>November</td>
<td>Partial tuition to full tuition and room and board</td>
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<td>C-CAP Cooking Competition</td>
<td>December</td>
<td>Full cost of attendance</td>
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<td>Charles Scholarship at Davidson University</td>
<td>December</td>
<td>$1,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>Comcast Leaders and Achievers</td>
<td>December</td>
<td>Varies</td>
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<td>Sisters Investing in Souls Scholarship</td>
<td>December</td>
<td>$5,000</td>
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<td>World Sport Chicago Scholarship</td>
<td>December</td>
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<td>Carson Fund Scholarship</td>
<td>January</td>
<td>$1,000 (Elementary and high school students grades 4-11)</td>
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<td>Chez Family Scholarship (UIUC)</td>
<td>January</td>
<td>$10,000</td>
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<td>Chicago Scholars</td>
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<td>Education program</td>
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<td>IIT 4 Collins Scholars</td>
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<td>Varies up to $40,000</td>
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<td>Diamond Dove Achievement Award</td>
<td>January</td>
<td>$500 -1,000</td>
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<td>Gates Millennium Scholarship</td>
<td>January</td>
<td>Full tuition, room and board, and personal expenses</td>
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<td>IIT Boeing Scholars Academy</td>
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<td>Educational Program</td>
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<td>University of Illinois at Chicago PAP Award</td>
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<td>$5,000 a year for 4 years (8 semesters)</td>
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<td>Chicago Summer Business Institute</td>
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**November**

**Scholarship Name: Golden Apple Scholars**

**Website:** http://www.goldenapple.org/

**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.

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

**Scholarship Qualifications:** Illinois high school student who is interested in a teaching career is eligible for the Golden Apple

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

**Open to DREAMers: Unknown**

**Scholarship Deadline:** November 1, 2012

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**Scholarship Name: Illinois Conservation Foundation Scholarship**

**Website:** http://www.ilcf.org/scholarships/  **Application:** https://www.ilcf.org/documents/Scholarship.pdf

**Scholarship Description:** The annual $1,000 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 $2,000.00 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 30, 2012. Check the website for the 2014 deadline in February.
November

**Scholarship Name:** Robert Dole Scholarship for Disabled Students

**Website:** www.uncf.org  **Application:** http://www.uncf.org/sections/ForStudents/SS_Scholarships/scholarDetailSGA.asp?id=831

**Scholarship Description:** The Robert Dole Scholarship for Disabled Students is funded by the honorable former Senate majority leader Robert Dole who was severely wounded in World War II. Robert Dole Scholarship for Disabled Students provides scholarships to physically and mentally challenged students attending one of the 38 UNCF member college or university. Applicants for the Robert Dole Scholarship for Disabled Students must be physically or mentally challenged attending one of the 38 UNCF member college or university.

**Scholarship Award Amount:** $3,500

**Renewable:** Unknown

**Scholarship Qualifications:** Complete Robert Dole Scholarship for Disabled Students Scholarship; 2.5 GPA
  Can only be used at UNCF Institutes (check website for list of UNCF Institutions

**Open to DREAMers:** Unknown

**Scholarship Deadline:** November 30, 2012

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**Scholarship Name:** Siemens HBCU College Fair and Scholarship Reception

**Website:** www.choosethefuture.org

**Scholarship Description:** Siemens Industry Inc., and Chicago Public Schools have partnered for the past 9 years to host a two-event: a morning college fair featuring 30-35 Historically Black Colleges and Universities and a Scholarship Reception.

**Scholarship Award Amount:** $1,000 - full-tuition, room & board and stipend scholarship awards  **Renewable:** Yes

**Scholarship Qualifications:**
- Chicago Public Schools Senior (class of 2014)
- Minimum 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 letter that qualified applicants will receive

**Required Documentation:**
- Seniors (Class of 2014) are required to complete admission applications to a maximum of 4 of the participating HBCU’s* by October 11, 2013
- Meet all admission and scholarship requirements for each HBCU they apply to
- Submit all required documentation to CPS Scholarship Coordinator by October 14, 2013

**Open to DREAMers:** Possibly - each HBCU has it’s own policy of awarding scholarships

**Event Date:** Will take place during the first or second Friday of November in 2013. Due to limited venue capacity, only the first 300 qualified applicants who submit complete files will be permitted to attend the Scholarship Reception.
Scholarship Name: Charles Scholarship


Application: You must be nominated by a counselor teacher and he/she must complete the form that is included website url listed above.

Scholarship Description: Students can be nominated by a guidance counselor or apply for scholarship alongside an undergraduate application to Davidson College. Each high school may nominate up to three students. This scholarship is for full tuition.

Scholarship Award Amount: Full cost of attendance (room, board, tuition, fees, spending allowance for books, travel, personal expenses) 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.

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

Open to DREAMers: Unknown


Scholarship Name: Comcast Leaders and Achievers

Website: http://www.comcast.com/Corporate/About/InTheCommunity/Partners/LeadersAndAchievers.html?SCRedirect=true

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 towards 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 nominated by a Principal or Guidance Counselor. Student must:

• Be a full-time high school senior
• 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 7, 2012

Scholarship Name: Diamond Dove Achievement Award

Website: http://www.zetatauzetachicago.org/index.html

Application: http://www.choosetowardourfuture.org/scholarships/strategic

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
• Resident of the State of 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 2012 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: December 7, 2012
Scholarship Name: Dr. Juan Andrade Scholarship


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 Renewable: No

Scholarship Qualifications: Applicant must be enrolled or accepted for enrollment 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 31st National USHLI Conference in Chicago, IL, February 14-17, 2013.

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: All items must be postmarked by December 31, 2012.

Scholarship Name: Futuro con Leche Scholarship

Website: http://www.hsf.net/FuturoConLeche.aspx Application: https://apply.hsf.net/applications/

Scholarship Description: The got milk? Futuro con Leche Scholarship Program is available on a competitive basis to graduating high school seniors of Hispanic heritage. Students must be enrolled full-time as a first year freshman or first year community college student during the 2013-2014 academic year.

Scholarship Award Amount: $4,000 Renewable: No

Scholarship Qualifications: Be of Hispanic heritage, Be a U.S. Citizen, legal permanent resident or an eligible non-U.S. citizen, Be a graduating high school senior with plans to enroll full-time in a degree-seeking program at a four-year or two-year accredited U.S. institution in the U.S., Puerto Rico, the U.S. VII or Guam during the 2013-2014 academic year, Have a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.00 on a 4.00 scale, Must be eligible to receive a Pell grant, Must write a maximum 250 word essay telling us about your high school journey and how making breakfast with milk part of your routine (or daily routine) has helped you succeed, Must apply for federal financial aid by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) in 2013

Open to DREAMers: Unknown

Scholarship Deadline: December 15, 2012
December

Scholarship Name: Haz La “U”/Make the U Scholarship Fund
Website: http://www.hsf.net/haz_la_u_scholarship.aspx  Application: https://apply.hsf.net/applications/

Scholarship Description: To honor Hispanic Heritage Month, Colgate offers the annual scholarship program “Haz La U” or “Make the U”. In partnership with the Hispanic Scholarship Fund (HSF), the program aims to award educational grants to eligible Hispanic students in the U.S. pursuing higher education. Awards range from $2,500 to $15,000. Website notes: Go to “Our Company,” select “Community Programs” then scroll to “Haz La U.” Additional Requirements: Be of Hispanic American heritage.

Scholarship Award Amount: A one-time $15,000 scholarship award for the top recipient; a one-time $2,500 scholarship award for 10 additional recipients
Renewable: No

Scholarship Qualifications:
- Have a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- Be a U.S. citizen or legal permanent resident of the United States. All legal permanent residents must submit a copy of their valid permanent resident card or passport stamped I-551.
- Be pursuing or plan to pursue your first undergraduate degree.
- Have plans to enroll full-time at an accredited institution in the U.S., Puerto Rico, U. S. Virgin Islands, or Guam during the 2013-2014 academic year.
- Must be a current graduating high school senior enrolling at a two-year college or a four-year institution in the 2013-2014 academic year.
- Must apply for federal financial aid by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Required Documentation: Completed application; Official transcript; Free Application For Student Aid (FAFSA)

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: December 31, 2012

Scholarship Name: Ronald McDonald Scholarship
Website: http://rmhc.org/  Application: https://aim.applyists.net/Account/LogOn?ReturnUrl=%2fRMHC

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. Website notes: Go to “What We Do” and select “RMHC U.S. Scholarships”

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
  - 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, 2012
December

**Scholarship Name: Sisters Investing in Soul Scholarship**

**Website:** www.sistersinvestinginsouls.com/

**Application:** [http://www.sistersinvestinginsouls.com/Documents/2013_SIS_Scholarship_Application.pdf](http://www.sistersinvestinginsouls.com/Documents/2013_SIS_Scholarship_Application.pdf)

**Scholarship Description:** SIS was founded on February 2, 2008, by five African-American women who understand and recognize the financial struggles of families with college students and the importance of a student’s financial independence after graduation. The core membership of SIS consists of a group of young, African-American, Christian women whose friendships with one another have spanned several decades. Each core member attended college and recognizes the financial struggles families face with college students and the importance of a student’s financial independence post graduation. SIS also recognizes the importance of exposing our youth to life lessons and challenges as they prepare for and endure college life. We have given away 21 Scholarships in three years.

**Scholarship Award Amount:** Unknown

**Renewable:** No

**Scholarship Qualifications:** May not be a past recipient of the SIS Scholarship Award

- African-American high school senior - full-time status in an accredited high school, or currently enrolled (1st year-4th years) in an accredited college
- Middle-income economic status
- Academic good standing (GPA minimum 2.5)
- Student must be a resident of the State of Illinois
- Declared intention to enroll in a four-year accredited college or two-year community college or accredited business or vocational school

**Required Documentation:**
1. Application of student and family data sheets (must be signed).
2. Student official transcript with school seal.
3. An essay on one of the following topics: Person That Has Influenced My Life or Upon Graduation, How Will I Use My Education
4. Autobiography of the applicant, written by the applicant.
5. The essay must be a minimum of 2 pages, not more than 3 pages, typed and double spaced, font 12 pts, and signed by the applicant.
6. Two (2) letters of recommendation (typed and signed). One letter should be from a teacher, counselor or school administrator and one letter should be from a mentor or person of positive influence.
7. A recent 3x5 300 DPI digital photo. Photos will NOT be returned.
8. The Scholarship Committee will schedule interviews with selected scholarship candidates. Interview information will be provided to each candidate during the month of December.

**Open to DREAMers:** No

**Deadline:** December 14, 2012

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**Scholarship Name: World Sport Chicago Scholarship**

**Website:** www.wscscholars.org


**Scholarship Description:** Students must be juniors in HS, have played at least 2 seasons on an Olympic or Paralympics sport, and demonstrate Olympic virtues of excellence, friendship, and respect. Scholars will also be eligible to compete for one of sixteen renewable college scholarships worth up to $10,000 annually ($40,000 total). Website note: Go to “Programs” and select “WSC Scholars.”

**Scholarship Award Amount:** $5,000

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

**Scholarship Qualifications:** High school juniors (in the Fall of 2012)

- Maintain a 2.0 unweighted GPA or higher
- Must complete an eligible Olympic/Paralympic sport for two seasons in the past three years

**Required Documentation:** Online Application

**Open to DREAMers:** Unknown

**Scholarship Deadline:** December 12, 2012
**January**

**Scholarship Name: ALPFA Scholarship Fund**

Website: http://www.hsf.net/ALPFA.aspx  
Application: https://apply.hsf.net/applications/default.asp

**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:** Varies  
**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; The Free Applications for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

**Open to DREAMers:** No

**Scholarship Deadline:** January 31, 2013

**Scholarship Name: Asian and Pacific Islander Scholarship**

Website: http://www.apiasf.org/scholarship_apiasf.html  
Application: https://secure.apiasf.org/index.php

**Scholarship Description:** Our 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.

**Scholarship Award Amount:** APIASF/Coca-Cola Foundation Scholarship - $2,500, one-time, non-renewable; APIASF/FedEx Scholarship - $2,500 four-year, renewable; APIASF/Sara Lee Foundation Scholarship - $2,500 one-time, non-renewable; APIASF/Toyota Scholarship - $2,500, one-time, non-renewable; APIASF/United Health Foundation Scholarship - $2,500, two-year renewable

**Renewable:** Varies

**Scholarship Qualifications:** Be of Asian and/or Pacific Islander ethnicity as defined by the U.S. Census

- Be a 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.
- Be enrolling in a U.S. accredited college or university in the Fall of 2013. Please read each listing for specific eligibility requirements regarding the academic standing required for each scholarship.
- Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.7 on a 4.0 scale (unweighted) or have earned a GED.
- Must apply for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by February 15th.
- Submit one letter of recommendation online.

**Required Documentation:** Complete application

One letter of recommendation

FAFSA

**Open to DREAMers:** No

**Scholarship Deadline:** January 11, 2013


**January**

**Scholarship Name:** Carsons Scholars Fund (Elementary and High School Scholarship)

**Website:** www.carsonscholars.org

**Scholarship Description:** The Carson Scholars Fund remains dedicated to its goal of naming a Carson Scholar in every state. All schools that request an application will be added to our mailing list for our next scholarship season. All requests must come from educators or school administrators. Requests cannot be made for individual students, nor can applications be sent to students' homes. This policy ensures that educators can complete a fair and impartial nomination process to determine which student at their school would best meet the requirements for a Carson Scholarship.

**Scholarship Award Amount:** $1,000. The money earns interest so students always end up with slightly more than $1,000 by the time they attend college. Between 20-30 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:** All educators are welcome to request an application. Educators can request an application by sending an email from a school email address with the title, Application Request, to Rebekah@carsonscholars.org. The name of the school principal, email address, and the school's full mailing address must be included in the email to process your request.

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

**Scholarship Deadline:** January 11, 2013

**Scholarship Name:** Chez Family Scholarship (UIUC)

**Website:** http://admissions.illinois.edu/cost/scholarships_ALLdisciplines.html

**Application:** http://admissions.illinois.edu/chez/application.pdf. Contact Mr. McFarling at jmp@illinois.edu for 2013 application info

**Scholarship Description:** The Chez Scholars Program is a college access and retention program that recruits promising Chicago area public high school students. The program is designed to provide the Chez Scholars with support, guidance, and opportunities for personal growth as they journey through their undergraduate experience at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Chez Scholars are selected based on financial need, strength of character, work ethic, academic potential and their desire to positively contribute to the community.

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

**Scholarship Qualifications:**
- Chicago Public High School students who have completed the application for admission to the University of Illinois
- Must be economically disadvantaged, having a household income of less than $40,000 (approximately 200% of the federal poverty level), the maximum family income for eligibility will be reviewed annually

**Required Documentation:** Must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA); Chez application essays; Two letters of recommendation (preferably one from a teacher/counselor and one from a personal contact who is not related to the student)

**Open to DREAMers:** No

**Scholarship Deadline:** This scholarship is due during the first week of January. Please check the website for updated information.
**Scholarship Name: Chicago Scholars Program**

**Website:** http://www.chicagoscholars.org/

**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 and/or a 19 PLAN score 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:** January 31, 2013

**Scholarship Name: Dell Scholars Program**

**Website:** http://www.dellscholars.org/  
**Application:** https://www.dellscholars.org/apply/Login.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2fapply

**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, 2013
January

**Scholarship Name: Dolores Saxton Walker Scholarship**

**Website:** http://affiliate.nmsdc.org/chicagomsdc/

**Application:** http://www.chooseyourfuture.org/scholarships/strategic

**Scholarship Description:** The late Dolores Saxton-Walker was an active member of the Chicago MSDC and a spirited entrepreneur who was devoted to mentoring and nurturing young people. She prepared youth for the challenges and rewards of entrepreneurship. 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.

**Scholarship Award Amount:** $3,000    **Renewable:** No

**Scholarship Qualifications:**
- 3.5 cumulative GPA
- Current senior
- Admitted and plan to enroll at a regionally accredited college or university in the fall of 2013
- Must participate in an interview if selected as a finalist
- Required Documentation: Completed Application
- Transcript, Resume, College Letter of Acceptance

**Open to DREAMers:** No

**Scholarship Deadline:** January 11, 2013

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**Scholarship Name: Gates Millennium Scholarship**

**Website:** http://www.gmsp.org/    **Application:** https://scholarships.gmsp.org/Account/LogOn

**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
- Are 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 2013 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 16, 2013
Scholarship Name: Have It Your Way Foundation Scholarship

Website: http://www.haveityourwayfoundation.org/burger_king_scholars_program.html

Application: https://www.scholarshipamerica.org/burgerkingscholars/information.php

Scholarship Description: The BURGER KING® Scholars Program has awarded more than $15.4 million to high school seniors and employees across the U.S., Canada and Puerto Rico since the program’s inception in 2000.

Scholarship Award Amount: Up to $50,000  Renewable: Varies  Number of Years Renewable: Varies

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 2012-13 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: January 10, 2013 or until the first 50,000 applications are received.

Scholarship Name: IIT Collens Scholars

Website: http://www.iit.edu/undergrad_admission/apply/collens.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. Website Notes: Go to “Undergraduate Admissions.” Select “How to Apply” then “Scholarships.”

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

Scholarship Qualifications: Be admitted to IIT as a full-time freshman for Fall 2013 (note: transfer students are not eligible for this program)

- Be a U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident
- Chicago residency
- Must show dedication to community service
- Submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) using IIT’s FAFSA code: 001691
- Have parents (or guardians) whose income is less than $45,000 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, 2013
January

Scholarship Name: Tuskegee Airmen National Educational Assistance Scholarship

Website: http://www.taisf.org/newsletter.html

Application: https://www.chooseyourfuture.org/sites/default/files/scholarship-educational-assistance-award-application.pdf

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 2012-2013. Additionally, applying students must have a GPA of at least three points (3.0) on a four-point 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. Please note, all attachments to application must not
- 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: Unknown

Scholarship Deadline: January 12, 2013

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

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

Scholarship Description: High achieving newly admitted freshmen from historically underrepresented groups; high achieving students from low-sending Illinois counties defined as counties sending an average of two or fewer students per academic year to the University of Illinois in the past five year period; and high achieving dependent students whose families are not expected to contribute to the cost of their education as verified through FAFSA and financial aid application processes are eligible for consideration for the PAP award. Eligibility is based on a combination of ACT composite score and class rank. Application for the award is made through the regular admissions review process; once admitted eligible students receive individual review for the PAP.

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

Scholarship Qualifications: ACT 25 or higher; Top 40th percentile ranking (HSPR 60 or higher); Admitted to UIC; Enroll for Fall 2013

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.

Open to DREAMers: Unknown

Scholarship Deadline: This scholarship has a January deadline. Please check the website for updated information.
February

Scholarship Name: 100 BMA: Future Leader Scholarship

Website: www.100blackmen.org

Application: http://www.chooseyourfuture.org/scholarships/strategic

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 28, 2013.

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 28, 2013

Scholarship Name: Best Buy

Website: http://www.bestbuy-communityrelations.com/


Scholarship Description: Best Buy Children’s Foundation is awarding scholarships to recognize and reward students who have made extraordinary contributions both inside and outside of the classroom.

Scholarship Award Amount: $1,000 Renewable: No

Scholarship Qualifications: Be students currently in grades 9-12 living in the United States or Puerto Rico.

- Have a minimum cumulative high school grade point average of 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale), or equivalent.
- Demonstrate commitment to and involvement in community volunteer service or work experience.
- Following high school graduation, plan to enter a full-time undergraduate course of study at an accredited two- or four-year college, university, or vocational-technical school in the United States or Puerto Rico.
  1) Applicants who are current high school seniors must enroll no later than the upcoming fall term.
  2) Applicants who are in grades 9-11 must plan to enroll no later than the fall term following high school graduation.
- Have never been selected as a Best Buy Scholarship recipient.

Required Documentation: Complete Application

Open to DREAMers: Unknown

Scholarship Deadline: February 15, 2013
February

**Scholarship Name: CBAI Foundation for Community Banking Scholarship**

**Website:**  http://www.cbai.com/html/foundation/annualEssay.php  
**Application:**  http://www.cbai.com/index.php/education-foundation-2?showall=&start=2 or request information from Bobbi Watson, bobbiw@cbai.com  

**Scholarship Description:** The CBAI Foundation for Community Banking offers 13 scholarships to top Illinois high school seniors statewide each year.

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

**Scholarship Qualifications:** Be an Illinois resident and a senior graduating in June 2013 and be sponsored by a CBAI member bank. Check this list of participating banks:  http://www.cbai.com/index.php/education-foundation-2/61-foundation/308-participating-banks-2012-2013

**Required Documentation:** Essay on the given topic

**Open to DREAMers:** Yes

**Scholarship Deadline:** February 4, 2013

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**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:** Tuition, fees, course books and supplies, 50% of rental at the University Village.

**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. You must have a SAT score of 1100 (CR & M) or equivalent on the ACT exam and a high school GPA of 3.5  
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

**Open to DREAMers:** Unknown

**Scholarship Deadline:** February 1, 2013
February

**Chicago Mercantile Exchange Mayoral Award for Student Achievement Scholarship**

Website: [http://www.cmegroup.com/company/center-for-innovation/mayoral-award.html](http://www.cmegroup.com/company/center-for-innovation/mayoral-award.html)

Application: [http://www.chooseyourfuture.org/scholarships/strategic](http://www.chooseyourfuture.org/scholarships/strategic)

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 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 Documents:
- 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: No

Scholarship Deadline: February 1, 2013

**Scholarship Name: Chicano Organizing Research in Education (CORE) Scholarship**

Website: [http://www.ca-core.org/que_llueva_cafe](http://www.ca-core.org/que_llueva_cafe)

Scholarship Description: CORE proudly sponsors this scholarship to help undocumented students continue on their academic path. This scholarship is a response to the lack of financial assistance provided to students, who do not have the legal documentation, that attend college in the United States. In particular, we seek to support undocumented students that have met the rigorous academic requirements asked of them and hold the academic promise to achieve so much more.

Scholarship Award Amount: Varies  Renewable: Varies

Scholarship Qualifications: There no minimum requirements for this scholarship. Please check the website for updated information. Required Documentation: Complete Application
- Your personal story, which takes into account financial need and other compelling challenges the applicant has had to endure;
- Extra-curricular involvement, which includes anything you do outside of class like community involvement, work, and clubs; and
- Your academic promise, which is not limited to GPA or test scores but, more importantly, looks at your academic potential for the future.

Open to DREAMers: Yes

Scholarship Deadline: This scholarship has a February deadline. Please check the website for updated information.
### February

**Scholarship Name:** City Treasurer’s Black History Month Essay Competition

**Website:** [http://www.chicagocitytreasurer.com/](http://www.chicagocitytreasurer.com/)

**Application:** [http://www.chooseyourfuture.org/scholarships/strategic](http://www.chooseyourfuture.org/scholarships/strategic)

**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 Chicago Public Schools high school. Plan to enroll in an accredited two or four-year institution of higher education or educational institution in the fall of 2013. Minimum high school grade point average (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 who is familiar with student’s academic work
- College letter of acceptance
- Two essay questions (no more than 500 words each, typed, double-spaced). Essay topics are included in the application.

**Open to DREAMers:** Unknown

**Scholarship Deadline:** February 11, 2013

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**Scholarship Name:** Fiesta Del Sol Scholars

**Website:** [http://fiestadelsol.org/scholarship/](http://fiestadelsol.org/scholarship/)

**Scholarship Description:** The Fiesta del Sol Scholarship Committee is a group comprised of representatives of Chicago-land businesses, colleges and universities, medical centers, community organizations and local schools. Education issues students and their families face are among many aspects the committee focuses its attention on. Scholarships are an integral part of its mission.

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

**Scholarship Qualifications:** Be of Latino/Hispanic descent and live on the South west side of Chicago within the following boundaries:
- Between 16th to 79th streets, and between Cicero Ave., (4800 West) and Canal (500 West), OR
- Be a volunteer at Pilsen Neighbors Community Council, OR
- Be a member of Pilsen Neighbors Community Council
- You must also be enrolled in an accredited college or university, in an undergraduate degree-seeking program or certificate program.
- Enroll in a minimum of at least 6 semester hours in the 2012/13 school year or its equivalence
- Earned a cumulative minimum of a 2.5 unweighted GPA (on a 4-point scale or its equivalence)

**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 2011 federal tax form. (Parents’ tax form will also be required if student is under the age of 24)
- Resume
- A copy of the 2012/13 award letter from your colleges’ Financial Aid office
- Essay: double-spaced, typed 250-400 words

**Open to DREAMers:** Unknown

**Scholarship Deadline:** This scholarship has a February deadline. Please check the website for updated information.

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**Scholarship Name:** IIT Boeing Scholars Academy
February

Website: http://www.iit.edu/undergrad_admission/boeing_scholars.htm
Application: http://admission.iit.edu/machform/view.php?id=6613

Scholarship Description: Generously supported by a grant from the Boeing Company, the Boeing Scholars Academy at Illinois Institute of Technology is a free, year-round educational enrichment program that offers up to 100 high-achieving, Chicago-area high school sophomores the opportunity to immerse themselves in academic and hands-on experiences in STEM fields (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics). 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 only) and college advising and application assistance (senior year only)

Scholarship Award Amount: Two year educational enrichment program
Renewable: N/A

Scholarship Qualifications: Current sophomores (class of 2015) at Chicago-area high schools
• Have demonstrated strong performance (As and Bs) 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

Open to DREAMers: Yes

Scholarship Deadline: February 14, 2013

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: Scholarship awards will be paid directly to the school and not the student. 2 year institutions: Tuition up to $2,000. Four year institutions: Tuition up to $6,000 (toward first Bachelors degree)
Renewable: To be determined

Scholarship Requirements:
• Applicants must be incoming freshmen, current undergraduates and transfer students
• 2.5 GPA (on a 4 point scale)
• High school or college minimum GPA of 2.5 (on a 4 point 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; after attending an Illinois high school for at least three years

Required Documents: Completed Application with student signature
• High School Transcript
• College Transcript(s) (if applicable)
• Parent Income Tax Return(s) 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 signed & dated (if applicable)
• Essay(s)

Open to DREAMers: Yes

Scholarship Deadline: February 1, 2013

Scholarship Name: Illinois Dream Fund Scholarship

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

**Website:** http://www.jackandjillfoundation.org/

**Scholarship Description:** The Jack and Jill of America Foundation is the philanthropic arm of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. The Foundation’s purpose is to provide financial support to organizations that promote leadership development, children, youth and young adults. 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. Applicants must meet all of the eligibility requirements and deadlines to qualify. Scholarship awards will be applied toward tuition and room & board.

**Scholarship Award Amount:** $1,500 to $2,500

**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:** Application
  - Recommendation
  - Personal essay
  - Counselor certification

**Open to DREAMers:** Unknown

**Scholarship Deadline:** This scholarship has a February deadline. Please check the website for updated information.

**Scholarship Name:** Jackie Robinson Foundation

**Website:** http://www.jackierobinson.org/  **Application:** http://www.jackierobinson.org/apply/instruction.php

**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
  - 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
  - Not 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, 2013
February

Scholarship Name: Kentucky Fried Chicken Scholars

Website: http://www.kfcscholars.org/  Application: Same as website, check in mid-December

Scholarship Description: Empowering students to improve their lives with scholarship resources to attend an accredited public college within their state of residence.

Scholarship Award Amount: Awards can be up to $5,000 per year. The scholar could receive up to $20,000 over four years to help complete a bachelor’s degree. The Scholarship offered by the KFC Colonel’s Scholars Program provides funding for tuition, fees, books, room and board.

Renewable: Yes  Number of Years Renewable: 4

Scholarship Qualifications: Graduate from high school this academic year (between 12/1/12 and 8/31/13)
- Earn a minimum cumulative high school GPA of 2.75
- Pursue a bachelor’s degree at a public, in-state college or university (start date no later than 9/30/13)
- Be a US citizen or permanent resident
- Demonstrate financial need

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: This scholarship has a February deadline. Please check the website for updated information.

Scholarship Name: Lillian E. Glover Scholarship

Website: http://www.illinoispta.org/

Application: http://www.illinoispta.org/Scholarship/Scholarship%20Application%202012-2013.pdf

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. Award for $1,500 - $2,500. Website notes: Go to “Programs” then select “Scholarships”  Additional Requirements: Top 33% of class

Scholarship Award Amount: 1st Place -$3,000.00 2nd Place - $2,000.00  Renewable: No  Number of Years Renewable: 

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 an Education or Education-related degree program requiring certification from a state board of education. Application postmarked on or before February 15, 2013 and returned to the Illinois PTA Scholarship Director.

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: February 15, 2013

Scholarship Name: Lowe’s Scholarship

Website: http://careers.lowes.com/college_recruiting_scholarship.aspx#1


Scholarship Description: The Lowe’s Scholarship’s purpose is to help young people in the communities where Lowe’s does business to get a strong educational foundation.

Scholarship Award Amount: Lowe’s will award one hundred forty (140) $2,500 scholarships to high school seniors who intend to enroll full-time in an undergraduate course of study in the U.S. for the 2013/2014 school year.

Renewable: No

Scholarship Qualifications: Be current high school seniors
- Maintain a minimum 3.25 GPA (on a 4.0 scale)
- Demonstrate a history of commitment to their community through leadership activities, community service and/or work experience

Required Documentation: Completed on-line application and

Open to DREAMers: Unknown

Scholarship Deadline: February 28, 2013
February

**Scholarship Name:** National Co-Op Scholarship

**Website:** http://www.co-op.edu/  **Application:** http://www.waceinc.org/scholarship/application.html

**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 2013-2014 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, 2013 (Clarkson early action and Johnson and Wales deadline is February 1, 2013)

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**Scholarship Name:** Northeastern Illinois University Presidential Scholarship

**Website:** www.neiu.edu  **Application:** www.neiu.edu/scholarships

**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 Award Amount:** 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. The approximate value of the scholarship is over $40,000 for four years.

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

**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 two essay questions, which can be found on the scholarship application.
- 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, two essays, three letters of recommendation, and high school transcript.

**Open to DREAMers:** Yes

**Scholarship Deadline:** February 15, 2013
Scholarship Name: Que Llueva Café Scholarship for Undocumented Students

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

Scholarship Description: The “Que Llueva 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 Llueva 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 2013-2014 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 an early February deadline. Please check the website for updated information.

Scholarship Name: QuestBridge’s College Prep Scholarship

Website and Application: http://www.questbridge.org/for-students/cps-how-to-apply

Scholarship Description: QuestBridge’s 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. Full Scholarships to Summer Programs at Leading Universities. Approximately 25 applicants will receive full scholarships to summer school programs at Brandeis, Emory, Harvard, Notre Dame, Penn, Stanford, or Yale. The scholarships cover the full cost of travel, tuition, health insurance, books, and room and board for the summer program.

Scholarship Award Amount: Full tuition to summer programs at participating universities

Renewable: Varies

Scholarship Qualifications: 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).
- An essay and short answer questions.
- One letter of recommendation from a high school teacher, submitted online or by fax.

Required Documentation: 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 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. A note about citizenship requirements: U.S. citizens, Permanent Residents, and international students attending high school in the United States are eligible to apply for the College Prep Scholarship.

Open to DREAMers: Yes

Scholarship Deadline: This scholarship has a March deadline. Please check the website for updated information.
February

Scholarship Name: Tuskegee Airmen Scholarship
Website: http: www.taichicago.org Application: Check website for application.

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: $1000.00 for students or the Dr. Perez Award, $1500.00 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 2012-2013. Additionally, applying students must have a GPA of at least three points (3.0) on a four-point 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 completeness of the 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 28, 2013

Scholarship Name: University of Chicago Collegiate Scholars Program
Website: http://collegiatescholars.uchicago.edu/


Scholarship Description: The University of Chicago Collegiate Scholar’s Program (UCCSP) was founded in 2003 as a three-year enrichment program that aims to prepare talented Chicago Public High School students in grades 10-12 for admission and success at the nation’s top colleges and universities. UCCSP is shaped around a core curriculum of humanities, social science, math, and science courses during the summer months and enrichment activities geared toward college readiness, cultural awareness, and civic engagement during the academic year.

Scholarship Award Amount: See description Renewable: N/A

Scholarship Qualifications: Strong applicants embody the following characteristics: Leadership and Self-Management, Academic Success, Perseverance and Ability to Overcome Obstacles, Fit with our Program, Positive Attitude

Required Documentation: Application for Admission, signed by student and a parent/guardian

• Writing sample (a ninth-grade English or social studies paper showing the teacher’s grade and comments)
• Responses to the short answer questions
• Response to an essay question
• High School Report completed, signed, and submitted by a high school guidance counselor
• Cumulative Record Card (if available)
• High School Transcript
• ISAT or EXPLORE test scores
• Recommendation Form A from a current teacher
• Recommendation Form B from another adult (non-relative)
• Some students will be selected to interview along with a parent on the University of Chicago campus in late March or early April.

Open to DREAMers: Unknown

Scholarship Deadline: This program has a February deadline. Please check the website for updated information.
**February**

**Scholarship Name:** Urban Ventures Scholarship

**Website:** [http://gedf.org/](http://gedf.org/)

**Application:** [http://gedf.org/scholarships/General_Scholarship_Application.pdf](http://gedf.org/scholarships/General_Scholarship_Application.pdf)

**Scholarship Description:** The Urban Ventures Scholarship is presented in Gary, IN, on odd-numbered years and in Chicago on even-numbered years. This scholarship is offered for able minority students entering college after high-school graduation to pursue a degree in business. This scholarship is endowed by grants received from Urban Ventures, Incorporated, of Chicago, Illinois. Each CPS High School Principal or Counselor or College & Career Coach may nominate one (1) student. Open to undocumented students.

**Scholarship Award Amount:** $4,000 paid in two yearly installments of $500 each for a total of eight installments over a four year period.

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

**Scholarship Qualifications:** Desire to pursue a major or career in business, 3.0 cumulative GPA; Positive personal qualities as observed directly through references; Demonstrate high qualities of character and services; **Each CPS High School can nominate (one) student**

**Required Documentation:** Nomination from principal or counselor

- Resume
- High school transcript
- College letter of acceptance
- Letter of Recommendation (from a teacher, counselor, principal or college & career coach)
- College Plans Essay. The essay should include:
  1. Where you plan to attend college in the fall 2013
  2. Whether you’ve visited the campus
  3. Cost of attendance
  4. How you plan to pay for it (include the names of other scholarships you’ve applied for and any college savings plans you have)
  5. What business major in business you plan to pursue (i.e., accounting, finance, etc.)
  6. Why you selected this particular college

Each high school should send the one (1) nominated student’s complete file on or before deadline to:

Chicago Public Schools, c/o Marcia Boyd  
Urban Ventures Scholarship  
125 S. Clark Street, 12th Floor  
Chicago, IL 60603

**Open to DREAMers:** Yes

**Scholarship Deadline:** February 8, 2013
**Scholarship Name: 2013 CRCA Scholarship**

**Website:** http://www.crca.org/crca_scholarship/index.htm

**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.

- ACT composite of 28 or greater
- 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 an 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:** This scholarship has a March deadline. Please check the website for updated information.

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**Scholarship Name: AKA Imani Pearls Community Development Foundation Scholarship**

**Website:** http://www.chiomegaomegachapter.org/index1.html  
**Application:** Check website for application

**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 a 2.8 Grade Point Average or higher (unweighted) 
- Proof of 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 underserved Chicago community, upon completion of your academic goals.
- Three letters of recommendation written during the current academic year (2012-2013)
- 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
March

**Scholarship Name: All About Pink Breast Cancer Foundation Scholarship**

**Website:** http://allaboutpink.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=51&Itemid=72

Application: Will be available the first week of January. Visit website for details

**Scholarship Description:** The purpose of our scholarship program is to provide support to families with college age students whose parent is suffering from Breast Cancer or who have succumbed to the disease. The scholarships are intended to provide financial assistance to those students who might otherwise be unable to obtain a college education. Additional Requirements: Applicant must be the natural, adoptive or step child of a Breast Cancer survivor or parent who has succumbed to Breast Cancer.

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

**Scholarship Qualifications:** Application for scholarship must be submitted by the student him/herself, including a photograph of the applicant (for publicity purposes only) to the All About Pink Education Committee on or before the application due date of March 2013.

- Applicant must be a graduating high school senior or entering college freshman.
- Applicant must be the natural, adoptive or step child of a Breast Cancer survivor or parent who has succumbed to Breast Cancer.
- The scholarship requires a minimum Grade Point Average of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale or equivalent for each year.
- Exceptions to certain requirements may be made by the All About Pink Education Committee.

**Required Documentation:** Completed Application

Open to DREAMers: No

**Scholarship Deadline:** This scholarship has a March deadline. Please check the website for updated information.

**Scholarship Name: All Foster Care to Success**

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

Application: The 2013-14 application will be available from January 1 through March 31, 2013.

**Scholarship Description:** All Foster Care to Success 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

**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, 2013)
- 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: Unknown

**Scholarship Deadline:** March 31, 2013
March

Scholarship Name: Blacks at Microsoft Scholarship


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 for up to four years

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:
1. Official Application
2. Two letters of recommendation
3. Resume with extracurricular activities, honors, awards, and work experience (remember, interest in technology is considered!).
4. Picture of yourself
5. Official Transcript
6. Two Essays

Open to DREAMers: Unknown

Scholarship Deadline: This scholarship has a March deadline. Please check the website for updated information.

Scholarship Name: Blind Service Association Scholarship

Website: http://www.blindserviceassociation.org/youth.php

Scholarship Description: Every year Blind Service Association awards 20 to 30 scholarships, ranging in amounts from $750 to $3,000, 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: BSA awards individual scholarships up to $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: This scholarship has a March deadline. Please check the website for updated information.
March

**Scholarship Name: Buick Achievers Scholarship Program**

**Website:** [http://www.buickachievers.com/](http://www.buickachievers.com/)

**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. The Buick Achievers Scholarship Program will award: Up to $25,000 per year for 100 student and $2,000 per year for 1,000 students. Additional Requirements: Resident of Cook, DuPage, Lake, Kane, Kendall, DeKalb, McHenry, Will and Winnebago; Plan to major in one of the following: Science, Technology, Engineering, Math, Business Administration, Finance, Marketing or Design; 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 2012–13 academic year (excluding proprietary and online schools)
- Plan to major in a specified course of study that focuses on Engineering/Technology or select Design and Business-related programs of study. See the list of eligible majors.
- Be interested in pursuing a career in the automotive or related industries
- Be U.S. citizens and have permanent residence in the United States

**Required Documentation:** Complete online application

**Open to DREAMers:** No

**Scholarship Deadline:** This scholarship has a March deadline. Please check the website for updated information.

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**Scholarship Name: Chicago Public Schools UNCF Scholarship**

**Website:** [http://www.uncf.org](http://www.uncf.org) or [http://www.chooseyourfuture.org/scholarships/strategic](http://www.chooseyourfuture.org/scholarships/strategic)

**Application:** [http://www.uncf.org/sections/ForStudents/SS_Scholarships/scholarDetailSGA.asp?id=732](http://www.uncf.org/sections/ForStudents/SS_Scholarships/scholarDetailSGA.asp?id=732)

**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 scale, Senior attending a Chicago Public School

- Must graduate by June, 2013, Must attend a UNCF Member Institution

**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:** March 29, 2013
March

**Scholarship Name: Chicago Summer Business Institute**

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

**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 deadline. Please revisit the website on January 31, 2013 to obtain a copy of the application.

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**Scholarship Name: Chicago Urban League Scholarship**

**Website:** http://www.thechicagourbanleague.org/

**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. Awards from $1,000-$4,000. Website notes: Go to “project next” and select “Education.” Click on “Scholarships.”

**Scholarship Award Amount:** Varies  
**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  
- One Picture, One typed essay, One letter of recommendation (non-family)  
- Official transcript of grades (most recent high school transcript for seniors or college  
- Transcript for post-secondary students) sent directly to CUL by the school  
- Student Aid Report (SAR), Proof of current enrollment or acceptance in a college/university  
- Proof of financial status/income (most recent tax returns or documentation of SSI, public aid, or unemployment)

**Open to DREAMers:** Yes

**Scholarship Deadline:** This scholarship has a March deadline. Please check the website for updated information.
March

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

Website: http://www.jachicago.org/uploads/Scholarships%20Fiscal%202013%20Descriptions.doc


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 per year for a four year period

Renewable: Yes  Number of Years Renewable: 4

Scholarship Qualifications: Applicants for the Henry Crown Scholarship 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 is required.  
• 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: Unknown

Scholarship Deadline: This scholarship has a March deadline. Check the application website for recent updates.

Scholarship Name: Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, Inc.

Website: http://cbcfinc.org/  Application: 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: March 14, 2012 for Environmental Studies and Health Sciences Scholarships. View site for more opportunities.
March

Scholarship Name: Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Website: http://chicagodeltas.com/
Application: http://www.chooseyourfuture.org/scholarships/strategic

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. The scholarship packet is annually distributed to CPS high school Counselors and Coaches, and posted on the Choose Your Future website on December 1st.

Scholarship Award Amount: Varies  Renewable: Varies

Scholarship Qualifications: African-American graduating senior during the academic year 2012 - 2013.
• Student must be a resident of Chicago and a Chicago Public Schools student. There is no citizenship requirement.
• Minimum GPA of 2.5 and demonstrate financial need.
• Attend one of the high schools selected for the academic calendar year in order to apply (select high schools posted on CYF website scholarship page and contained in scholarship packet).
• Applications from other high schools will not be considered - no exceptions.

Required Documentation: Transcript; Personal statement; 3 letters of rec; ACT/SAT scores; FAFSA/SAR; college letter of acceptance

B.E.S.T.  Dyett  Hyde Park  Richards Career Academy
Bogan  Epic Academy  Julian  Robeson:
Brooks College Prep  Fenger  Kennedy  School of Entrepreneurship
Carver Military Academy  Gage Park  Kenwood  School of Leadership
Chicago Ag  Global Visions  King College Prep  School of Technology
Chicago Discovery  Hancock  Lindblom  School of the Arts
Chicago Vocational  Harlan  Morgan Park  Simeon
CICS – Ellison  Harper  New Millennium  Team Englewood
CICS-Longwood  Hirsch  Noble Street-Comer  Tilden
Corliss  Hope  Perspectives-Calumet High  U of Chicago- Woodlawn
Curie  Hubbard  Perspectives-Calumet Tech  Urban Prep-Englewood
Washington HS

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

Scholarship Deadline: March 1, 2013

Scholarship Name: Education 4 Excellence Scholarship


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. Submit two type-written essays (no more than 3 pages each, 12 Font, Times New Roman Style, Double Spaced). First essay should include the Applicant’s Personal Statement (this can include, but is not limited to, current extracurricular activities, academics, future aspirations in post secondary education, financial need, and career goals). The topic of the second essay is: Do you think Hip-Hop music has had an influence (Good or Bad) on your generation? Why?
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.

Your 2012-2013 Official Transcripts must be submitted in a sealed school envelope from your high school.

Open to DREAMers: Yes

Scholarship Deadline: March 1, 2013
March

Scholarship Name: Ernest Wentcher Foundation Scholarship

Website: http://wentcherfoundation.org/
Application: http://www.chooseyourfuture.org/scholarships/strategic

Scholarship Description: The Wentcher Foundation is proud to have awarded 123 scholarships over the past 11 years to a highly talented and diverse group of seniors from CPS high schools across the Chicago. This year, 10-15 CPS seniors will again be selected Wentcher Scholars. Selection is based on talent, need and character. Scholarships are renewable for 3 additional years designed to help meet required expenses in pursuing undergraduate education. 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 from individuals outside applicant’s family attesting to suitability to be a Wentcher Scholar. Suggest 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, 2013 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.
• Do not submit completed files until January 15, 2013. Complete files must be received in the office on the deadline, not postmarked or in the CPS internal mail system. Incomplete or late applications will not be processed, no exceptions.

Send all required documentation in one envelope addressed to (no earlier than January 15, 2013):
Chicago Public Schools, c/o Marcia Boyd, Wentcher Foundation Scholarship, 125 S Clark Street, 12th Floor (GSR# 125)
Chicago, IL  60603

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: March 1, 2013 or until the first 350 applications are received.

Scholarship Name: George Pullman Foundation Scholarship

Website: http://www.pullmanfoundation.org/ Application: http://www.pullmanfoundation.org/become/when-and-how-to-apply-1/

Scholarship Description: Pullman Foundation seeks promising college-bound students who demonstrate both academic excellence and financial need. Candidates must be nominated by their guidance counselor or have a family member who has received the award to apply.

Scholarship Award Amount: The Foundation awards Pullman Scholars last-dollar scholarships ranging from $200 to $5,000 ($4,000 for incoming first-year students) per year, depending on the scholar’s financial need.

Renewable: Yes   Number of Years Renewable: 4

Scholarship Qualifications: You are a resident of Cook County IL
• 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 financial need
• You currently have a 3.0 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: Official academic transcript
• 2013-2014 FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR)
• Two letters of recommendation
• College/university acceptance letter from the institution you will be attending in fall 2012
• 2013-2014 financial aid award letter
• Documentation verifying any other scholarships or financial awards received

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: March. Please check the website for updated information.
March

**Scholarship Name: Gread “Lefty” McKinnis Memorial Scholarship**

**Website:** [http://www.glmmf.org/](http://www.glmmf.org/)

**Application:** [http://www.chooseyourfuture.org/scholarships/strategic](http://www.chooseyourfuture.org/scholarships/strategic)

**Scholarship Description:** Gread “Lefty” McKinnis was a pitcher in the famous Negro Baseball League. The Memorial Foundation Scholarship was created to provide financial assistance to high school seniors who are admitted to an accredited two or four-year college or university. The GLMMF College Scholarship Fund provides male African American high school seniors with assistance in pursuing higher education. Each year, the Foundation awards at least one college scholarship to a graduating senior at a school of need. Additional Requirements: Chicago resident; community service or civic involvement considered.

**Scholarship Award Amount:** $1,000  

**Renewable:** No

**Scholarship Qualifications:** U.S. Citizen, African American male, current high school senior, admitted to a two or our-year accredited college or university beginning in fall, 2013, commit to attend the Scholarship Presentation Gala in June, 2013.

**Required Documentation:** Completed application, copy of letter of acceptance to an accredited two or four-year college/university, official high school transcript, ACT scores and two letters of recommendation (letters should include the recommenders relationship to applicant and number of years known. Types of recommendations: 1. Personal recommendation and 2. Professional recommendation), three 100-word personal statement responses and current photograph.

**Open to DREAMers:** No

**Scholarship Deadline:** March 15, 2013

**Scholarship Name: HACEMOS Chicago Chapter**

**Website:** [http://scholarships.hispanicfund.org/applications/subsectionid.1,pageid.291/default.asp](http://scholarships.hispanicfund.org/applications/subsectionid.1,pageid.291/default.asp)

**Scholarship Description:** The HSF/HACEMOS Scholarship Program is designed to assist students of Hispanic heritage and dependents of HACEMOS members obtain a college degree. The individual award amount will range from $1,500-$2,500. Website notes: Go to “Scholarships.” Click “High School Students” then select “HSF/HACEMOS Scholarship.” Preference given to students in financial need.

**Scholarship Award Amount:** $500-$2,000  

**Renewable:** No

**Scholarship Qualifications:** Be of Hispanic background, or the dependent of an HACEMOS chapter member

- Be a U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident, or, have graduated from a high school in the U.S. after attending at least three years. Chicago residency required
- Be enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student for the 2013-2014 academic year at an accredited college or university in the U.S. or Puerto Rico
- Have a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA
- Maintain a permanent residence in, or attend school in, a HACEMOS chapter area (see below)

**Open to DREAMers:** No

**Scholarship Deadline:** March 15, 2013

**Scholarship Name: High School Senior Scholarship Application**

**Website:** [http://www.cicil.net/highschoolscholarshipapplication.aspx](http://www.cicil.net/highschoolscholarshipapplication.aspx)

**Scholarship Description:** The ICEF’s objective is to recognize and honor high school seniors who have exemplified outstanding achievement in academics, extracurricular/employment activities and community involvement.

**Scholarship Award Amount:** $2,000  

**Renewable:** No

**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. We encourage all eligible students to apply. There is no limitation on the number of students that may apply at each school.

**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
- Rank in high school class
- 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 the study of chemistry will impact the applicant’s future and/or chosen career”
- List of extracurricular activities, including community service, awards and accomplishments, and employment/work experience

**Open to DREAMers:** Unknown

**Scholarship Deadline:** First week of March
March

Scholarship Name: IPLAC Educational Foundation Scholarship

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

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. Awards from $2,500 - $3,000. Website Notes: Go to “About” and select “Educational Foundation.”

Scholarship Award Amount: Up to $5,000  Renewable: No

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

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

Open to DREAMers: Yes

Scholarship Deadline: This scholarship has a March deadline. Check website for 2013 application.

Scholarship Name: Junior Achievement of Chicago High School Scholarship

Website: http://www.jachicago.org/

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. Website notes: Go to “Programs” then select “JA Scholarships.”

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: This scholarship has a mid-March deadline. Please check the website for updated information.
March

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


*Scholarship Description:* Every year, Kohl’s recognizes and rewards young volunteers (ages 6-18) across the country for their amazing contributions to their communities. National Winners will each be awarded a total of $10,000 in scholarships for post-secondary education and 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. Additionally, 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:* March 15, 2013

**Scholarship Name: Marriott Scholars Program**


*Scholarship Description:* The Marriott Scholars Program can propel you toward your future with the financial support you need and the professional career development you want now, before you graduate. Apply to the Marriott Scholars Program which offers financial support of up to $9,000 per year for four years coupled with opportunities for on-going career guidance and mentoring.

*Scholarship Award Amount:* Full tuition up to $9,000

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

*Scholarship Qualifications:* Be of Hispanic/Latino heritage

- Be U.S. citizen or permanent resident residing in the United States or Puerto Rico.
- Be an upcoming freshman or sophomore for the 2013-2014 school year, including students who will transfer from a community college to a four-year school as a freshman or sophomore for 2013-2014.
- Plan to enroll as a full-time undergraduate student during the 2013-2014 school year in a hospitality management or culinary program.
- Plan to pursue a degree within the hospitality management, hotel management, culinary, or food beverage field.
- Have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better on a 4.0 scale.

*Required Documentation:* Official transcript- Uploaded by March 1

- Proof of citizenship status- Uploaded by March 1
- Essay- Submitted online by March 1
- Letter of Recommendation- Submitted online by March 1
- Resume- Submitted online by March 1

*Open to DREAMers:* No

*Scholarship Deadline:* March 1, 2013
March

Scholarship Name: Money Smart Kid Essay Contest (Elementary School Scholarship)

Website: http://www.chicagofed.org/webpages/education/msw/competition_resources.cfm

Application: Application will be available in January, 2013 or http://www.chooseyourfuture.org/scholarships/strategic

Scholarship Description: In support of Chicago's Money Smart Week 2013 in April, 2013, the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago and its partner organizations are once again sponsoring the Money Smart Kid Essay Contest. Students in grades 5-8 are encouraged to answer this year’s Money Smart Question with an essay of 300 words or less. The essay question will be available in late December.

Scholarship Award Amount: Grand prize: $5,000, Two runner up prizes of $2,500
Renewable: No

Scholarship Qualifications: Restricted to grades 5-8

Required Documentation: Completed Application with teacher's signature
300 word essay
Interview required for six finalists

Open to DREAMers: Unknown

Scholarship Deadline: March 21, 2013

Scholarship Name: National Hook-Up of Black Women Scholarship

Website: http://www.nhbwinc.com/scholarships.html

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 maintains communication with scholarship recipients to determine their current educational status, progress and academic accomplishments. 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 2013)
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 30, 2013

Scholarship Name: Norwegian National League of Chicago Scholarships

Website: http://www.nnleague.org/

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: This scholarship has a March deadline. Please check the website for updated information.
March

**Scholarship Name: Palumbo Family Foundation Scholarship**

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

**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. Awards from $500 to $5,000.

**Scholarship Award Amount:** Minimum of $500 to a maximum of $10,000  
**Renewable:** No

**Scholarship Qualifications:** Resided for a minimum of six months prior to application date in Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, and Will Counties of Illinois; A 2012 annual adjusted gross family income of $44,700 or less; A GPA of 3.0 or higher; U.S. Citizen.

**Required Documentation:** IRS 1040 tax form for 2012, 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

**Open to DREAMers:** No

**Scholarship Deadline:** This scholarship has a March deadline. Check website for 2013 application.

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**Scholarship Name: Phi Beta Kappa Chicagoland Area Scholarship**

Website: http://www.pbkaca.org/

Application: http://www.chooseyourfuture.org/scholarships/strategic

**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 and ACT Score of 27 and above

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

**Open to DREAMers:** NO

**Scholarship Deadline:** March 1, 2013

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**Scholarship Name: Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. Illinois Education Scholarship**

Website: http://www.iotaphisigma.com/html/

**Scholarship Description:** Phi Beta Sigma, 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:** African-American male student  
- Graduating high school senior  
- Illinois residency  
- Must be pursuing A full-time undergraduate degree  
- Enrolled college freshman as of Fall, 2013  
- 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:** March 20, 2013
March

**Scholarship Name:** QBG Foundation Scholarship


**Scholarship Description:** The QBG 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. Additional Requirements: Chicago resident; must have a letter of acceptance to accredited four-year HBCU college or university.

**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:** This scholarship has a March deadline. Please check the website for updated information.

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**Scholarship Name:** Through the Looking Glass Scholarship

**Website:** [http://www.lookingglass.org/](http://www.lookingglass.org/)

**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. Website Notes: Go to “Services,” highlight “National Services,” then select “Scholarships.”

**Scholarship Award Amount:** Total of fifteen $1000 scholarships  
**Renewable:** No

**Scholarship Qualifications:** To be eligible, a student must be a high school graduate (or graduating senior) by Summer 2013, planning to attend a two-year or four-year college in Fall 2013 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:** This application is due during the first week of March. Please check the website for updated information.
March

**Scholarship Name:** Worldstudio AIGA Scholarship

**Website:** [http://scholarships.worldstudioinc.com/](http://scholarships.worldstudioinc.com/)

**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. 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. Additional Requirements: Must demonstrate work that contributes to positive social change.

**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  **Number of Years Renewable:**

**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 2013/Spring 2014 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.
   - 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 March deadline. Please check the website for updated information.
Scholarship Name: Youth In Scholarship

Website: http://www.youthincare.illinois.gov/

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. Website Notes: Go to “Education” then select “Youth In Scholarship.”

Scholarship Award Amount: An award in the amount of $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 of the current year.
• 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 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. Check website for final deadline information.
April

Scholarship Name: The 2013 Doty E. Nash Educational Assistance Scholarship

Website: http://www.kingdavid100.com/educationalscholarship.htm

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 (see application).
- Submit a typewritten argumentative essay (450 to 500 words maximum) on the given topic
- 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: All application materials must be received by April 1, 2013.

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

Website: http://thetaomega.com/Akarrama.html

Scholarship Description: Scholarship awarded to qualified minority high school student. Additional Requirements: Must be a minority; Chicago resident; ACT 18 or above.

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

Scholarship Qualifications: Must be a 2013 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 2013. Must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. 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 the website for updated information.
April

Scholarship Name: Ayn Rand Institute Novel Essay Contest

Website: http://aynrandnovels.com/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: $10,000; 5 Second prizes: $2,000; 10 Third prizes: $1,000; 45 Finalists: $100; 175 Semifinalists: $50

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.

One entry per student.

Essay must be postmarked no later than April 26, 2013, no later than 11:59 PM, Pacific Standard Time. The Ayn Rand Institute has the right to provide contest deadline extensions when deemed appropriate.

Essay must be solely the work of the entrant. Plagiarism will result in disqualification. Decisions of the judges are final.

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.

All entries become the property of the Ayn Rand Institute and will not be returned.

Winners, finalists, semifinalists and all other participants will be notified via e-mail and/or by mail by July 26, 2013.

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.

Winners will be solely responsible for any federal, state or local taxes.

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

Open to DREAMers: Unknown

Scholarship Deadline: April 26, 2013

Scholarship Name: Chicago Engineers Foundation

Website: http://chicagoengineersfoundation.org/

Application: https://www.choosethefuture.org/scholarships/strategic

Scholarship Description: To encourage the study of Engineering, the Chicago Engineers’ Foundation of the Union League Club offers incentive awards of $800 to year 2013 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 2013. 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 with supplements (check website for updated information).

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: April 24, 2013
**April**

**Scholarship Name:** Coalition of Black Trade Unionists

**Website:** [http://cbtu.org/](http://cbtu.org/)

**Application:** Available on website in January

**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:** Ten scholarships for $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 “Why Should Young People Get Involved in Politics?” 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. Please check the website for updated information.

**Scholarship Name:** Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute

**Website:** [http://www.chci.org/scholarships/](http://www.chci.org/scholarships/)

**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:** Varies  
**Renewable:** Unknown

**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:** This scholarship has an April deadline. Please check the website for updated information.

**Scholarship Name:** Darius A. Felton Scholarship

**Website:** [http://daffoundation.8m.com/](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:** This scholarship has an April deadline. Please check the website for updated information.
**April**

**Scholarship Name:** Edward G. Irvin Scholarship  
**Foundation:** Kappa Alpha

**Website:** http://www.chicagoalumni.org/index.htm

**Application:** http://www.chooseyourfuture.org/scholarships/strategic

**Scholarship Description:** The Edward G. Irvin scholarship 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 1, 2013

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

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

**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:** Unknown

**Scholarship Deadline:** April 12, 2013
Scholarship Name: Exxon Mobile Bernard Harris Math and Science Scholarship

Website: http://www.cgcs.org/Page/47 or http://www.theharrisfoundation.org/sitecontent/603/.aspx

Scholarship Description: Sharing in the belief that education is the key to progress, development and economic growth, ExxonMobil and Dr. Bernard Harris Jr. have developed a partnership to increase awareness about the need for more math and science graduates, especially among underrepresented populations. The ExxonMobil Bernard Harris Math and Science Scholarship is the latest effort to support students who plan to pursue math- and science-related degrees. The scholarships, named in recognition of Dr. Bernard A. Harris, Jr., serve underrepresented students pursuing careers in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. As a former astronaut, physician and businessman, Dr. Harris is an outstanding role model dedicated to serving as a mentor to the scholarship recipients.

Scholarship Award Amount: $5,000. Each year, a total of four scholarships will be awarded. Targeting African American and Hispanic students, two male and two female awardees will be given $5,000 each. The scholarship will be paid to the university of the student’s choice and can be applied to tuition and related expenses for the upcoming collegiate year.

Renewable: No

Scholarship Qualifications: Identify as African-American or Hispanic
  • Attend a school in a Council of Great City Schools district
  • Be completing their senior year of high school
  • Have been accepted to a four year university for full-time enrollment
  • Be pursuing a science, technology, engineering or mathematics degree
  • Demonstrate academic achievement in high school, leadership skills and/or community service in the area of science, technology, engineering or mathematics
  • Have an unweighted GPA of at least 3.0

Required Documentation: Official high school transcript
  • A photograph of yourself for publication of award winners
  • Three letters of recommendation from a high school principal, teacher, club sponsor or counselor on official letterhead
  • Two one-page essays must be typed, single-sided, double-spaced, and in Times New Roman 12-point-font on the topics below:
    1) How has math and science education impacted your life so far?
    2) Why have you chosen to pursue a career in a STEM field?

Open to DREAMers: Unknown

Scholarship Deadline: April 2, 2013

Scholarship Name: Harrison Fellows

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
  • Are seeking your bachelor’s degree in Business Administration, Education, or Human Services
  • ACT score of 19 and must be in the top half of class.
  • Plan to attend college full time (min. 12 credits each term)
  • Want to take classes during weekday hours at our downtown Chicago campus
  • Have a sponsor, teacher, counselor, or community leader willing to recommend you and encourage your academic achievement

Required Documentation: Completed application; Essay

Open to DREAMers: Unknown

Scholarship Deadline: This scholarship’s application is due during the first week of April. Please check the website for more information.
Scholarship Name: Karen Lynne Harris Memorial Scholarship Zeta Zeta

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

Scholarship Description: Students must be female, have a 2.5 GPA, participate in community service, and live in the Chicagoland area. Students must also continue their education at a 4-year college/university.

Scholarship Award Amount: Varies Renewable: No

Scholarship Qualifications: Female high school student graduating at the end of the 2012-2013 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 – Your personal statement should be limited to 2 pages, typed, double spaced, Arial font size 12. Your personal statement shall reflect your thoughts regarding education, the state of the world today, why you should be selected to receive a scholarship and how you will make an impact on society.
2. Recommendation letters – Two letters of recommendation that may come from a teacher or counselor, other professional adult (not a family member), or (preferred not required) an active member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated.
3. Copy of Official High School Transcript
4. Copy of Intended College Acceptance Letter
5. Essays 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.
6. Completed application.

Open to DREAMers: Unknown

Scholarship Deadline: April 30, 2013

Scholarship Name: National African American Insurance Association

Website: http://www.naai.org

Scholarship Description: 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: This scholarship has a April deadline. Please check the website for updated information.

Scholarship Name: National Organization of Black Law Enforcement

Website: http://www.noblenational.org/ Application: http://www.noblenational.org/communityoutreach/noblescholarships.html

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. Website Notes: Scroll to “Quick Links” and select “Scholarship.

Scholarship Award Amount: $1,500 (Charles L. Gittens Scholarship); $5,000 (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: This application must be postmarked no later than April 1, 2013. If you have any questions, please contact the NOBLE National Office at (703) 658-1529 or e-mail Wilmae Leach at wleach@noblenatl.org

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Scholarship Name: One Million Degrees/ Illinois Education Foundation Scholarship

Website: http://www.onemilliondegrees.org/ Application: http://www.onemilliondegrees.org/#/apply

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 in two ways. 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 2012-2013 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 and should demonstrate proof of filing 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: April 16, 2013 (Priority deadline is March 16, 2013)

Scholarship Name: Society of Women Engineers Chicago Regional Section Scholarship

Website: http://swe.org/chicago or www.swe.org/chicago/scholarship.html

Application: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dGFzc1VfeGdfM3RkRGcyQlZJbE1VRHc6MQ

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: Cumulative GPA of 3.0 on 4.0 scale

- The applicant’s home must be in a zip code beginning with these three digits: IL 600-608, 610-611, and 613; IN 463-466.
- Letter of recommendation required, more accepted
- The applicant must be accepted into an engineering or computer science program at an accredited college or university

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

Open to DREAMers: Unknown

Scholarship Deadline: April 15, 2013

Scholarship Name: William J Cook Fund Scholarship

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

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: Award ranging from $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: Unknown

Scholarship Deadline: This scholarship has an April deadline. Please check the website for updated information.
Scholarship Name: 2013 Nordstrom Scholarship

Website: http://shop.nordstrom.com/c/nordstrom-cares-scholarship

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. Application is open to Juniors in the 2012-2013 school year beginning February 2013. Seniors are not eligible to apply.

Scholarship Award Amount: $10,000/$2,500 per year  Renewable: Yes  Number of Years Renewable: 4

Scholarship Qualifications:
- Be a high school junior
- 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 United States during all years of the scholarship
- Not have been convicted of any crime

Required Documentation: Application; Recommendation letter(s)

Open to DREAMers: Unknown

Scholarship Deadline: This scholarship has a May deadline. Please check the website for updated information.

Scholarship Name: Chicago Coalition for the Homeless Scholarship

Website: http://www.chicagohomeless.org/college-scholarships/

Scholarship Description: Each summer, the Chicago Coalition for the Homeless awards $2,000 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 2013, 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 2013-14 school year. Scholarships are not granted to attend for-profit schools.
  - Filed the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) application by May 1, 2013. FAFSA is accessed online, with instructions, at www.fafsa.ed.gov

Required Documentation: 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: Unknown

Scholarship Deadline: This scholarship has a May deadline. Please check the website for recent updates.

Scholarship Name: Community Services Block Grant Scholarship

Website: www.cityofchicago.org/content/city/en/depts/fss/provdrs/serv/svcs/community_serviceblockgrantscholarship.html

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.

Scholarship Award Amount: Individual scholarships range from $500 to $3,000.  Renewable: No

Scholarship Qualifications:
- Must be Chicago resident; meet CSBG income guidelines; Be enrolled full-time in an Illinois institution

Open to DREAMers: Unknown

Scholarship Deadline: This scholarship has a May deadline. Please check the website for updated information.
Scholarship Name: Discus Award
Website: http://www.discusawards.com/national-all-around-student-scholarship
Scholarship Description: The National All-Around Student Scholarship aims to scholarship high school students who demonstrate unique excellence in three of ten Discus attributes. National All-Around Student Scholarship winners are some of the most all-around high school students in the country. Awarded ten times each year, this scholarship rewards students whose achievements extend far beyond the classroom and the athletic field.
Scholarship Award Amount: Up to $2,500 Renewable: Unknown
Scholarship Qualifications: Scholarship for high school juniors, sophomores, and freshmen; U.S. Citizens or legal residents
Required Documentation: Nomination form; Online application
Open to DREAMers: No
Scholarship Deadline: May 31, 2013

Scholarship Name: Dr. King Scholarship Initiative
Website: http://www.icdhrslossholarship.org/ Application Information: http://www.icdhrslossholarship.org/#!
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: Unknown
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: Unknown
Scholarship Deadline: May 1, 2013
May

Scholarship Name: Federal Nursing Scholarship Program

Website: http://www.hrsa.gov or http://www.hrsa.gov/loanscholarships/scholarships/Nursing/index.html

Application: http://www.hrsa.gov/loanscholarships/scholarships/Nursing/howtoapply.html

Scholarship Description: The Nursing Scholarship Program 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 2012-2013 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
- Completed Non-Academic Recommendation Letter
- Completed Essay Questions
- Resume/Curriculum Vitae
- Copy of Academic Transcript(s) (Transcripts may be official or unofficial. However, course grades must be included.)

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: This scholarship’s application is due during the first week of May. Check the website for updated information.

Scholarship Name: IIT Presidential Scholarship and Educational Initiative for Community College Students

Website: http://webapps.ccc.edu/fund/actionView.jsp?fundid=189

Scholarship Description: IIT is determined to substantially redefine the pipeline initiatives within the fields of science and psychology, technology, engineering, and mathematics, as well as business and architecture — hereafter referred to as STEM+ fields.

Scholarship Award Amount: Up to $23,500 + $5,000 housing stipend

Renewable: Yes  Number of Years Renewable: 4

Scholarship Qualifications: Minimum 3.6 GPA.
- Eligible or will be eligible for an Associate Degree.
- Good academic standing.
- Complete application for admission to IIT.
- Download and complete the Presidential Scholarship Form.
- Submit the completed Presidential Scholarship Form (w/ required essay and an unofficial transcript) to the Dean of Instruction or other liaison at your college. (Refer to Contact Information section.)
- Request an official nomination from the President of the City college applicant is currently attending.

Required Documentation: Presidential Form application

Open to DREAMers: Yes

Note: This scholarship is not for high school students. It is listed for informational purposes. We encourage CPS students who plan to transfer from two-year colleges to four-year universities to begin searching for transfer scholarship opportunities as early as possible.

Scholarship Deadline: This scholarship has a May deadline. Please check the website for updated information.
May

**Scholarship Name:** Josefina A. Ovalle Scholarship

**Website:** http://www.jaofoundation.org/  
**Application:** http://www.jaofoundation.org/jaoscholarship.html

**Scholarship Description:** The Josefina A. Ovalle Scholarship is awarded to Latino students who excel in the realms of service, academics, and leadership. The Josefina A. Ovalle Scholarship is awarded to Latino students who excel in the realms of service, academics, and leadership. Resident of Little Village, Pilsen, Bridgeport, McKinley Park, Brighton Park, Archer Heights, Garfield Ridge, Gage Park, Ashburn or West Lawn in Chicago, IL or in Cicero or Berwyn, IL.

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

**Scholarship Qualifications:** Must be a high school senior residing in the neighborhoods of: Little Village, Pilsen, Bridgeport, McKinley Park, Brighton Park, Archer Heights, Garfield Ridge, Gage Park, Ashburn or West Lawn in Chicago, IL or in Cicero or Berwyn, IL. Josefina A. Ovalle Scholarship recipients may re-apply.
- Educational Commitment: Must be accepted to a 2 or 4 year college or university. Former J.A. Ovalle Scholarship recipients must be enrolled full time in an accredited college or university.
- Must have a minimum GPA of 3.5 (on a 4.0 point scale or its equivalence).
- Ethnicity: Must be of Latino descent.
- Financial Need: Financial need will be taken into consideration.
- Community Service: Must have completed a minimum of 200 documented hours of community service.
- Leadership/Involvement: Must be an active member of at least three school or community clubs, sports or organizations and have held a leadership position.

**Required Documentation:** Josefina A. Ovalle Scholarship Application; Personal Statement; A letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor or administrator from your school.

**Open to DREAMers:** Yes

**Scholarship Deadline:** This scholarship has an early May deadline. Please check the website for updated information.

**Scholarship Name:** Kermit B. Nash Academic Scholarship - Sickle Cell

**Website:** http://www.sicklecelldisease.org/  
**Application:** http://www.sicklecelldisease.org/index.cfm?page=kermit-b-nash

**Scholarship Description:** The Kermit B. Nash Academic Scholarship rewards the achievement of individuals with sickle cell disease and promotes their pursuit of educational goals. This scholarship is named in honor of the late Dr. Kermit B. Nash, former professor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Social Work and devoted board member of SCDA.

**Scholarship Award Amount:** One award for a total of $20,000 for 4 years

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

**Scholarship Qualifications:** Graduating high school seniors
- United States citizens and permanent residents
- Individuals with sickle cell disease (individuals with sickle cell trait are not eligible)
- All applicants must be a member of SCDA
- Grade Point Average: Minimum of 3.0 unless special hardship demonstrated
- ACT or SAT Scores
- Leadership and community service
- Quality of essay
- Severity of academic challenges/obstacles posed by sickle cell disease

**Required Documentation:**
- Applicants must submit a personal essay, not to exceed 1,000 words, on any aspect of their choice, on the impact of sickle cell disease on their lives or on society (ESSAY MUST BE TYPEWRITTEN).
- A current high school transcript (unofficial) and SAT/ACT scores must be submitted with your application. Arrange this in advance with your high school counselor (SHOULD BE SUBMITTED IN A SEALED SCHOOL ENVELOPE).
- Attach a current 5x7 personal photograph (head shot only) to your application.
- Proof of U.S. citizenship and permanent residency (i.e., State-Issued ID, Social Security Card).
- Include two references with your application, one from your high school counselor (or a teacher that you know well) and one from a person familiar with you for at least two years. Forms are provided for each reference.
- A letter of certification from your physician verifying that you are an individual with sickle cell disease.

**Open to DREAMers:** No

**Scholarship Deadline:** This scholarship has a May deadline. Please check the website for updated information.
May

Scholarship Name: Latinos Progresando’s CBYG Scholarship

Website: http://latinospro.org/  Application: http://latinospro.org/lp-dr-angela-perez-miller-scholarship-fund/

Scholarship Description: C-BYG promotes education and motivates 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. Awards are in the amounts of $2500, $1500, and $1000.

Scholarship Award Amount: LP will award six scholarships in the amount of $1,000 each  Renewable: No

Scholarship Qualifications: Enrolled for at least 6 credit hours for the 2013-2014 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:
1. Application Forms: complete and submit the Background Information Form, Financial Data Form, and the Certification Form
2. Transcript: submit an official transcript from the school you are currently enrolled
3. Resume: submit a one-page resume that includes work experience, academic accomplishments, leadership roles, community service, and other relevant activities
4. 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.
6. Tax Form(s): submit a copy of your 2012 federal tax form AND, if you are under 24 years of age, your parents’ 2012 federal tax form.
7. 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.
8. Deadline: The completed application must be postmarked by May 2013. 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.

Open to DREAMers: Yes

Scholarship Deadline: This scholarship has a May deadline. Please check the website for updated information.

Scholarship Name: N’Digo Scholarship

Website: http://www.ndigo.com/


Scholarship Description: The N’DIGO Foundation is a 501(c)(3) private charity dedicated to rewarding excellence in education by awarding merit-based college scholarships to Chicago and surrounding suburban students in High School. Website notes: Go to “N’Digo Foundation” on the lower left side. Chicago residency required.

Scholarship Award Amount: $1,000 up to Full tuition scholarships

Renewable: Yes  Number of Years Renewable: 4

Scholarship Qualifications: Recipients are selected based on the merit of their application, as well as their GPA, extra-curricular involvement, essay and recommendation

Required Documentation: Scholarship Application Form
- An Official Transcript (in a sealed envelope)
- One Letter of Recommendation (from a teacher, counselor or other school official)
- An Essay of 500 words or less explaining why you should receive the scholarship, including an explanation of your career goals and any activities, interests, experiences, or achievements that support your position. (Essays must be typed and double-spaced)

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: This scholarship has a May deadline. Please check the website for updated information.
May

OCA Chicago Scholarship 2013

Website: www.OCAChicago.org    Application: http://www.ocachicago.org/?page_id=312

Scholarship Description: Calling All Asian American Dreamers in the Chicagoland high schools: Dream On, Dream Big, Dream Until Your Dreams Come True! OCA Chicago is proud to introduce the 2013 “Dream Big” scholarship program. A grand total of $30,000 will be awarded to 12 future Asian American community leaders.

Scholarship Award Amount: $30,000 will be awarded between 12 students    Renewable: No

Scholarship Qualifications: High school senior
- Cumulative GPA minimum - 3.0
- Letters of recommendation
- One essay (See website for topic details)
- Identify as Asian and/or Pacific Islander ethnicity as defined by the U.S. Census
- Be American citizen or a permanent resident of the Chicagoland area: Cook, Dekalb, DuPage, Grundy, Kane, Kendall, McHenry, Will, Lake (IL), Kenosha (WI)
- Be a full-time Asian and/or Pacific Islander American student entering their first year of college in the upcoming 2013 Fall Semester/Quarter

Open to DREAMers: Yes

Scholarship Deadline: This scholarship has a May deadline. Please check the website for updated information.
June

**Scholarship Name:** Abbott and Fenner Scholarship

**Website:** [http://www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.htm](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

What have you done outside the classroom that demonstrates qualities sought after by the post secondary institution that you are hoping to attend? Also, which of these qualities means the most to you?

**Open to DREAMers:** Unknown

**Scholarship Deadline:** June 14, 2013

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**Scholarship Name:** Cosmo Beauty Supply

**Website:** [http://www.beautysupply-fcc.org/](http://www.beautysupply-fcc.org/)

**Application:** [http://www.beautysupply-fcc.org/#!vstc0=apply-now](http://www.beautysupply-fcc.org/#!vstc0=apply-now) or Request a copy via e-mail: scholarships@BeautySupply-FCC.org

**Scholarship Description:** This scholarship is awarded to provide greater support to deserving youth in their pursuit of higher education. Awards from $1,000-$3,000.  Website Note: 2011 Application PDF  Additional Requirements: Community involvement required

**Scholarship Award Amount:** 1st prize – $3,000.00 - 2nd Prize - $2,500.00 - 3rd Prize - $2,000.00 - 4th Prize - $1,500.00 5th Prize - $1,000 6th Prize - $1,000 – 7th Prize - $1,000 – 8th Prize - $1,000 – 9th Prize - $1,000 10th Prize - $1,000.

**Renewable:** No

**Scholarship Qualifications:** Make sure you have read and understand the rules and criteria for entering.

- Download the application. Fully complete application and supporting materials.
- Essay Contest Topic: In 300 words (minimum) tells us: “How will education help you bring change to your life and what will you do as a “Change Agent” to help improve your community”?
- Email ALL materials to: scholarships@BeautySupply-FCC.org

**Required Documentation:** A complete scholarship application and essay

- Two letters of recommendation (include address and telephone number)
- Letter of acceptance from a college or university and official high school transcript

**Open to DREAMers:** Unknown

**Scholarship Deadline:** This scholarship has a May deadline. Please check the website for updated information.
June

Scholarship Name: DePaul University Sid Feldman Legacy Fund

Website: http://sidfund.org/ Application: http://sidfund.org/Sid-Feldman-Scholarship-Application.pdf (will be updated)

Scholarship Description: Every year, the DePaul University 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: Essay Requirements. In a two page, single spaced essay, please address these two issues:
1. Describe your commitment to furthering your education, including your career goals for the first five and ten years post college graduation.
2. Describe your commitment to your community, including past, present and potential future volunteer experience or community engagement in any volunteer, neighborhood, church or other activities. Give examples of leadership roles you have held and explain why involvement in your community is important to you.

Required Documentation: Complete a DePaul University admission application and receive an acceptance letter from DePaul University. The student must intend to enroll in the College of Commerce.
• 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 (details below).

Open to DREAMers: Unknown

Scholarship Deadline: This scholarship has a May deadline. Check the website for updated information.

Scholarship Name: Edward and Shirley Calahan Scholarship Fund

Website: http://calahanfoundation.org/ or http://calahanfoundation.org/our-mission/

Scholarship Description: The Edward and Shirley Callahan 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. Each scholarship will be in the amount of Two Thousand Dollars ($2,000.00), and will only be allocated toward college entrance expenses. To qualify each scholarship recipient is required to have maintained a GPA of 3.0 during their last year of high school, and must have been accepted to a college or university. The Callahan Foundation plans to award three scholarships. THE CALAHAN FOUNDATION Our Goal. – Is to provide help for those that desire an opportunity, but cannot do it by themselves. Our Call – Is to support one another by reaching back, giving back and pulling forward. Our Pledge – Is that no child with the work ethic and desire to succeed should fail.

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 acceptance
• Available for interview

Open to DREAMers: Unknown

Scholarship Deadline: June 1, 2013
Scholarship Name: Excellence in Academics & Community Service Award

Website: http://www.maryesmithfoundation.org/Scholarships&Awards.html

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 be brain tumor patients/survivors or closely related to someone diagnosed with a brain tumor. Relationships are limited to spouse, biological children, biological parents, and biological siblings.

Scholarship Award Amount: $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 of 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 850 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: June 1, 2013

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; community involvement considered.

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, 2013
June

Scholarship Name: Illinois Restaurant Association Educational Foundation

Website: http://www.illinoisrestaurants.org/

Application: http://www.illinoisrestaurants.org/displaycommon.cfm?an=1&subarticlenbr=12

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 foodservice 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: Varies  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 foodservice related program

Required Documentation: Signed hard copy of application (typed and fully complete)
• Official transcripts for all academic institutions attended. If you are a graduating high school senior, unofficial copies are acceptable, until official copies are released.
• One essay (250 words maximum)
• Two signed recommendation forms. The letters must be on company or school letterhead. You may submit one additional recommendation; one from an employer or industry professional, one from an instructor in the restaurant and or foodservice industry must be included.
• Photocopied documentation of 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: This scholarship has an early June deadline. Please check the website for updated information.

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Scholarship Name: LeTendre Education Fund Scholarship

Website: http://www.naehcy.org/letendre-scholarship-fund/scholarship-application

Application: http://www.naehcy.org/?attach_external_tab&85778944&4&0&0&0&0&0&0&Google%20Chrome%20Frame

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: Unknown

Scholarship Deadline: June 14, 2013
June

Scholarship Name: Posse Foundation Scholarship
Website: http://www.possefoundation.org/about-posse/our-history-mission

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: Unknown

Scholarship Deadline: Nominations must be submitted by June 2013. Please check the website for updated information.

Scholarship Name: Whitney Young Dolphins Making a Difference Lost Count Book Scholarship
Website: http://getexcellent.com/wydmad/

Scholarship Description: The Lost Count Scholarship Fund (LCSF) was created as a way of assisting young people of Chicago in their pursuit of positive opportunities instead of violence. LCSF wants students to imagine a safer and more productive world for them to live and learn. As a result, applicants are being asked to write a proposal about their ideas on creating change in their own world.

Scholarship Award Amount: $500  Renewable: No

Scholarship Qualifications: Chicago residents only. To be eligible for the Lost Count Book Scholarship, please answer one of the given essay questions (see application). Your essay must be typed and should contain a maximum of 500 words.

Required Documentation: Mail the application, your official high school transcript from a Chicago Public School, your essay and your college acceptance letter

Open to DREAMers: Unknown

Scholarship Deadline: June 1, 2013

Scholarship Name: Windows of Opportunity (Chicago Housing Authority)
Website: http://www.winofopp.org/  Application Information: http://www.winofopp.org/programs.php

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. Additional Requirements: Must be a current CHA or Housing Choice Voucher resident.

Scholarship Award Amount: Varies; may be used to cover tuition, room and board, fees/books  Renewable: Varies

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: June 30, 2013
July

Scholarship Name: GEAR UP Scholarship Program
Website: http://www.cps.edu/Programs/Pathways_to_success/Pages/GEARUP.aspx

Scholarship Description: The Chicago GEAR UP Alliance is awarding need-based scholarships for postsecondary education to students who attended GEAR UP elementary and high schools during the period of 1999-2006 and who are currently attending or have been accepted into postsecondary institutions. Scholarships are renewable and will be distributed until all available funds are exhausted.

Scholarship Award Amount: Varies Renewable: Yes Number of Years Renewable: Unknown

Scholarship Qualifications: You are eligible for a GEAR UP scholarship ONLY if you attended 7th and/or 8th grade in a GEAR UP elementary school or attended a GEAR UP high school during specific years.

Required Documentation: Complete Application; Most recent high school official transcript; Required essay

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: This scholarship has a July deadline. Please check the website for recent updates.

Scholarship Name: Harold Washington College Scholarship Fund
Website: http://webapps.ccc.edu/fund/actionView.jsp?fundid=160

Scholarship Description: The Harold Washington College Scholarship Fund was established to provide financial assistance for deserving students based upon scholastic merit (exclusive of financial need) and/or based upon financial need. Scholarship monies are to be used to defray educational costs (tuition, fees, books, transportation, or other critical necessities) while enrolled at Harold Washington College. This scholarship may be renewable depending on eligibility criteria and funding availability. In rare cases, scholarship funds may be used as matching funds (Harold Washington College Scholarship Fund would match a student’s payment up to a maximum of a $250 one-time scholarship) to help pay a prior balance at Harold Washington College.

Scholarship Award Amount: Up to $1,000 depending upon need. Renewable: No

Scholarship Qualifications: Minimum 2.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale and in good standing.
- Meets City Colleges of Chicago’s ability to benefit (ATB) criteria (i.e., high school or GED graduate or sufficient ATB test score).
- Must be a resident of the City of Chicago and eligible for in-district tuition rates.
- Enrolled in at least 6 credit hours per semester.
- Pursuing an associate degree or any credit certificate program.

Required Documentation: Application
Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
Student Aid Report (SAR)

Open to DREAMers: Yes

Scholarship Deadline: July 1, 2013
August

Scholarship Name: Chicago Police and Fire Training Academy Scholarship

Website: http://webapps.ccc.edu/fund/actionView.jsp?fundid=188

Scholarship Description: The Chicago Police and Fire Academy Training Scholarships are tuition and fee-based scholarships. Students whose tuition expense is met through the Pell Grant, Monetary Award Program (MAP) or other financial awards are not eligible to receive this scholarship. Students with remaining need after financial aid funds have been applied will have the difference of their applicable charges paid by the CPFTA Scholarship.

Scholarship Award Amount: Full Tuition and Fees During Period of Eligibility

Renewable: Yes   Number of Years Renewable: 2

Scholarship Qualifications: Graduating from the Chicago Police and Firefighters Training Academy:
  • Have Chicago residency
  • Enroll in a degree granting program
  • Submit a Federal Financial Aid Form
  • Submit CPFTA Certificate of Completion

Required Documentation: Documentation supporting listed awards, honors, participation in student organizations, activities, etc.
  • General Placement Test
  • CPFTA Certificate of Completion
  • Application
  • FAFSA
  • SAR (Student Aid Report)

Open to DREAMers: Yes

Scholarship Deadline: August 1, 2013

Scholarship Name: Oscar E. Shabat Wright College Scholarship Fund

Website: http://webapps.ccc.edu/fund/actionView.jsp?fundid=155

Scholarship Description: 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 upon scholastic merit (exclusive of financial need) or based upon 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.

Scholarship Award Amount: $250 to $1,000   Renewable: No

Scholarship Qualifications: Minimum 2.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale (2,690 points for GED graduates) and in good standing.
  • High school or GED graduate.
  • Must be a resident of the City of Chicago and eligible for in-district tuition rates.
  • Enrolled in at least 3 credit hours per semester. Part-time students are eligible.
  • Pursuing an associate degree or any vocational certificate program.

Required Documentation: FAFSA and SAR (student aid report)

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: August 1, 2013
Scholarship Name: Women in Public Finance

Website: http://www.wpfc.com/

Application: http://www.wpfc.com/?page_id=774 or Request a copy via e-mail: scholarship@wpfc.com

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 2013
• Display an aptitude in math
• 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 2013 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 31, 2013 (confirm on website for precise deadline).

Open to DREAMers: Unknown

Scholarship Deadline: August 31, 2013
### Catherine W. Pierce Scholarship

**Website:** [http://www.uncf.org/sections/ForStudents/SS_Scholarships/scholarDetailSGA.asp?id=804](http://www.uncf.org/sections/ForStudents/SS_Scholarships/scholarDetailSGA.asp?id=804)

**Scholarship Description:** The Catherine W. Pierce Scholarship is open to students at UNCF member institutions that are majoring in the areas of Art and History. This scholarship will provide an award in an amount up to $5,000 depending on the student’s financial need.

**Scholarship Award Amount:** Up to $5000  
**Renewable:** Varies  
**Number of Years Renewable:** 4

**Scholarship Qualifications:**
  - Open for 4 Year colleges only
  - Minimum GPA: 2.5
  - Classifications: College freshman, college sophomore, college junior, college senior

**Required Documentation:** Online application

**Open to DREAMers:** Unknown

**Scholarship Deadline:** Wednesday, September 19, 2012. Check website for September 2013 deadline.

### CCC President’s Scholarship Fund

**Website:** [http://webapps.ccc.edu/fund/actionView.jsp?fundid=158](http://webapps.ccc.edu/fund/actionView.jsp?fundid=158)

**Scholarship Description:** The President’s Scholarship Fund was established to provide financial assistance for deserving students based upon scholastic merit (exclusive of financial need) or based upon financial need. Scholarship monies are to be used to defray educational costs (tuition, fees, or books) while enrolled at Harry S Truman College. In rare cases, scholarship funds may be used as matching funds (maximum $250 one-time scholarship) to pay a prior balance at Truman College.

**Scholarship Award Amount:** Up to $1,000 per semester depending upon the student’s need

**Renewable:** Yes  
**Number of Years Renewable:** 2

**Scholarship Qualifications:** Minimum 2.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale (2.5 GPA required for scholarship renewal).
  - High school or GED graduate
  - Must be a resident of the City of Chicago and eligible for in-district tuition rates.
  - Enrolled in at least 6 credit hours per semester.
  - Pursuing any associate degree or vocational certificate program.

**Required Documentation:** Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA); SAR (student aid report); Application

**Open to DREAMers:** Yes

**Scholarship Deadline:** September 15, 2013

### Evans Scholars Foundation (Chick Evans Caddie Scholarship)

**Website:** [http://www.wgaesf.org](http://www.wgaesf.org)  
**Application:** [http://www.wgaesf.org/site/c.dwJTKiO0JgI8G/b.7512567/k.47CB/Evans_Scholarship_Application.htm](http://www.wgaesf.org/site/c.dwJTKiO0JgI8G/b.7512567/k.47CB/Evans_Scholarship_Application.htm)

**Scholarship Description:** Each year, more than 840 deserving caddies attend college on full tuition and housing grants from the Evans Scholars Foundation. Full tuition scholarship for Applicant 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. Scholarships are awarded to certain universities, depending on the state in which the candidate resides.

**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:** Application form; Photo; Federal tax return, related schedules and W-2 form(s)

**Open to DREAMers:** Unknown

**Scholarship Deadline:** September 30, 2012. Check website for 2013 deadline.
Scholarship Name: Cola-Cola Foundation Scholarship

Website: https://www.coca-colascholars.org/page.aspx?pid=388

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: This scholarship has an October deadline. Check for 2014 application in April.

Scholarship Name: Horatio Alger Association Scholarship

Website: https://www.horatioalger.org/scholarships/index.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 2013, 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 ($50,000 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: This scholarship has an October deadline. Check website for 2014 application in April.
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**Scholarship Name:** American Red Cross Scholarship  
**Website:** http://www.redcrossblood.org/region-programs/northernohio/high-school-scholarship-program-0  
**Scholarship Description:** Individual scholarships will be awarded to three high school students - 1st place: $1000; 2nd place: $750; 3rd place: $500.  
**Scholarship Award Amount:** Varies  
**Renewable:** No  
**Scholarship Qualifications:** Student submits a complete application form* along with the following:  
1. Official high school transcript  
2. Two letters of recommendation from non-relatives who have known the student for at least a year  
3. Essay - minimum 300 words, outlining strategies which can be used to encourage blood donations among high school students. Essay must be typed, single spaced and may include visual aids such as graphs, photos, etc.  
**Required Documentation:** Completed Application  
Two letters of recommendation  
Essay  
**Open to DREAMers:** No  
**Scholarship Deadline:** This scholarship has rolling submission dates. Please check the website for updated information.

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**Scholarship Name:** C-CAP Cooking Competition for Scholarships  
**Website:** http://www.ccapinc.org/sch-ccap-scholarships.php  
**Scholarship Description:** Applicant must currently attend a C-CAP partner public high school or after school program. Junior applicants must currently be enrolled in a culinary course.  
**Scholarship Award Amount:** Varies  
**Renewable:** Some, depending on the C-CAP  
**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 with the application. There is a separate sheet for each school. 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. (Sample forms are with the application.) 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 has a December deadline, usually the first week of December.
Scholarship Name: CCC Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) Scholarship

Website: http://webapps.ccc.edu/fund/actionView.jsp?fundid=196

Scholarship Description: The scholarship provides financial support to students who have a passion to interact with people in a positive, caring manner while providing quality care. The Certified Nursing Assistant program provides participants with the training necessary to take the Illinois State competency exam to become certified as a Nurse Assistant. Training includes classroom and laboratory instruction, as well as clinical experiences within a hospital or nursing home which qualifies the student for both home and institutional employment.

Scholarship Award Amount: Varies   Renewable: Yes   Number of Years Renewable: 2

Scholarship Qualifications:

- CNA Scholarship Funds cannot be used to repeat the CNA program if the student was unsuccessful previously, and students who do not remain in good standing may be removed from the program and not receive the scholarship.
- CNA Scholarship Funds cannot be used to repeat the CNA program if the student was unsuccessful previously, and students who do not remain in good standing (70% proficiency on written tests) may be removed from the program and not receive the scholarship.
- Applicants must meet with the CNA Coordinator at one of the City Colleges of Chicago offering the CNA program and work with him/her to complete and submit the FULL scholarship application packet.

Required Documentation:

- Application form – completed and signed
- Transcripts (if required)
- Applied for WIA funds if they qualify
- Two letters of recommendation – one professional/volunteer and one academic
- Signed application package checklist

Open to DREAMers: Yes

Scholarship Deadline: Applications are accepted on a rolling basis throughout the academic year.

Scholarship Name: Illinois AMVETS Scholarship Program

Website: http://www.ilamvets.org/

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 rolling submission dates. Please check the website for updated information.

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/yr   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: Unknown

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: Elks National Foundation’s Most Valuable Student

Website: http://www.elks.org/

Scholarship Description: Applicants will be judged on scholarship, leadership, and financial need. Male and female students compete separately. Awards from $1,000-$15,000 Website notes: Go to “Our Programs” and select “Scholarships.”

Scholarship Award Amount: Ranging from $1,000 per year to $15,000 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.
  • Applicants may not be related to a member of the Elks.
  • 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.
  • Male and female students compete separately.

Required Documentation: 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, sports, service, etc.
  - Copies of Awards

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: This scholarship’s deadline is unknown. Please check the website for updated information.

Scholarship Name: Herbert Whiteman Scholarship

Website: http://www.hbcuconnect.com/cgi-bin/blog.cgi?blog_id=51197&cid=2

Scholarship Description: The Herbert W. Whiteman, Jr. Scholarship Fund was established to provide financial assistance to minority students attending an accredited college or university and pursuing an Undergraduate or Advanced Degree (Graduate or Ph.D.) in Finance or Business. Scholarships will be awarded annually (at the UFSC National Conference), based on availability of capital in the scholarship fund and applicant qualifications. For students pursuing a degree in finance or business.

Scholarship Award Amount: Varies  Renewable: Unknown

Scholarship Qualifications: Must be a minority
  • Minimum GPA: 3.0
  • Major course work – Business related (i.e., finance, accounting, economics, business, management, business administration, marketing, law, technology, etc.)
  • Acceptance letter from accredited college or university and registration invoice or Bursar’s receipt
  • Reference Letter – All applicants are required to provide a letter of reference from a teacher or school official, community representative or current/previous employer. This letter should expound on the applicant’s demonstrated ability in academics, extracurricular activities, character and leadership (on letterhead, one page maximum).
  • Candidate must submit a 400 - 500 word essay on “Excellence in Leadership – How Do You Personally Exemplify the Quality?”

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

Open to DREAMers: Unknown

Scholarship Deadline: This scholarship’s deadline is unknown. Please check the website for updated information.
Scholarship Name: Monsignor Egan Hope Scholarship

Website: http://www.dePaul.edu/admission-and-aid/Pages/scholarships.aspx

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: $15,500 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; FAFSA

Open to DREAMers: Unknown

Scholarship Deadline: Please contact DePaul University admissions to find out the deadline for this scholarship.

Scholarship Name: National Merit Scholarship Program

Website: http://www.nationalmerit.org/

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 September, these high scorers are notified through their schools that they have qualified as either a Commended Student or Semifinalist.

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 2013, and planning to enter college no later than the fall of 2013
- Be a citizen of the United States; or be a U.S. lawful permanent resident
- Take the 2011 PSAT/NMSQT in the specified year of the high school program and no later than the third year in grades 9 through 12, regardless of grade classification or educational pattern

Required Documentation: Completion of the 2012 PSAT/NMSQT

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: This scholarship does not have a specific deadline. Your PSAT/NMSQT results are automatically submitted and reviewed for eligible scholarships and merit. 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 Name: Northwestern University Good Neighbor, Great University Scholarship

Website: http://ug-finaid.northwestern.edu

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: May range from $1,000 to $12,300 Renewable: Yes Number of Years Renewable: 4

Scholarship Qualifications: Eligibility is based on demonstrated institutional financial need

Required Documentation: Complete Application; FAFSA; CSS Profile; Tax return forms

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: No separate deadline other than the submission of a complete undergraduate admission application.
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: Unknown

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.

**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.
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