

SCHOLARSHIPS

Make Sure you check with the College or University you plan to attend. Most have their own scholarships that they offer.

This Year's Scholarships:

50th Annual United States Senate Youth Program and Hearst Scholarship: Eligibility: must be a junior or senior currently serving in an elected or selected capacity in student government or plan to take government courses in college. Must show strong leadership ability, high scholastic standing, clear speech and logical thought, community improvement, and participation in wide selection of activities. Along with the program comes a \$5000 College Scholarship from the Hurst Foundation. To qualify for the scholarship you must participate in the week long trip to Washington DC, enroll at an accredited US College or university within two years of high school graduation, and pledge to include government or related subjects in his or her undergraduate program. You can apply at www.isbe.net/sos/htmls/hearst.htm **Deadline: October 5, 2011**

Gates Millennium Scholars: To be eligible must be African American, American Indian, Asian Pacific Islander, or Hispanic American. Must be US citizen, have a GPA of 3.3, enroll in a US located accredited college or university, demonstrated leadership abilities through participation in community service, extracurricular activities, and meet the Federal Pell Grant eligibility. You can complete the application on line at www.gmsp.org **Deadline: January 11, 2012**

Acorn Equality Scholarship: provides academic scholarships for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender persons and their children in Illinois's downstate counties. Scholarships range from \$1000-4000. To apply go to www.acornequalityfund.org **Deadline: September 30, 2011**

Danforth Scholars Program at Washington University in St. Louis: full to partial tuition scholarship, renewed each year for the duration of the degree program, provided the student progresses academically and upholds the high standards of character required of scholars. You must be nominated for this scholarship. If interested in this scholarship please see Mrs. Lee before **October 7, 2012**

The Golden Apple Scholarship: \$18,000 in financial assistance for students who are interested in becoming teachers. Scholars agree to teach for five years in an Illinois school of need. Please see Mrs. Lee for more information. **Nomination Deadline: November 30, 2011**

AES Engineering Scholarship: \$500.00 for students who are pursuing a degree in engineering. Students will submit an essay on one of the two topics that appear on the scholarship page of our web site <http://www.aesengineers.com/scholarships.htm> **Deadline: October 5, 2012**

Elks National Foundation Most Valuable Student Scholarship: Will give out 500 awards ranging in amount from \$60,000-4,000. See Mrs. Lee for application. **Deadline: December 2, 2011**

FIRE: 3rd Annual Freedom in Academia Student Essay Contest: First place is \$5000 Second is \$2500 and Third is \$1000. Must write an 800-1000 word essay about “why is free speech important at our nation’s colleges and universities” To apply and for rules go to www.thefire.org/contests. **Deadline: November 5, 2011**

Mediacom World Class Scholarship: Offering 50 \$1000 non-renewable scholarships to senior high school students attending accredited post-secondary institutions. For application please see Mrs. Lee or go to www.mediacomworldclass.com. **Deadline: February 15, 2012**

Horatio Alger Association Scholarship: Scholarships ranging from \$2500-20,000. To qualify must be a high school senior, have a strong commitment to pursuing and completing a bachelor’s degree at an accredited public or private institution, have critical financial need (\$50,000 or less adjusted gross income), involvement in co-curricular and community activities, a minimum of 2.0 GPA, and be a US citizen. To apply must apply online at www.horatioalger.org/scholarships **Deadline: October 30, 2011**

CBAI Foundation For Community Banking Annual Scholarship Program: Essay Scholarship. Must write an essay on the topic “How can a community bank make a difference in a down economy” See Mrs. Lee for details.

Big Sun Scholarship: The Big Sun Organization is proud to be able to continue to help young athletes succeed in their academic pursuits. We are offering an annual scholarship to a deserving student. All student athletes are eligible for this award, regardless of which sport they are participating in. Amount of the award is \$500.00 The successful applicant will be a high school senior or be attending a post-secondary institute and currently involved in some sport that institution in the community. Please visit our website at <http://www.bigsunathletics.com> to learn how to apply. **Deadline: June 22, 2012**

Gongaware Scholar: \$30,000 scholarship, personal laptop computer, and a \$3000 Professional Development Account. For students who are interested in careers in insurance or financial services at Indiana State University. For more information and an application please go to www.indiana.edu/gongaware

Young Authors 2012 Writing Contest: Open to students in grades 9-12. You may submit up to two manuscripts in each category of: fiction, creative nonfiction, and/or short plays. Online submission guideline can be found at <http://www.colum.edu/Academics/FictionWriting/YA/YA12> **Deadline: January 16, 2012**

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Illinois, Lambda State Organization, Alpha Beta Chapter Scholarship: recruitment grant to a senior woman who plans to enter the field of education. This \$200 grant is to be used for study at an approved college or university. There will also be 6 \$750.00 grants awarded for the Florence A. Cook Scholarship for women who are entering education. For an application please see Mrs. Lee **Deadline: January 10, 2012**

AXA Achievement Scholarship: Scholarships range from \$10,000-25,000 and up to 375 \$2000 winners. For an application please go to www.axa-achievement.com **Deadline: December 1, 2011**

KFC Colonel's Scholars: To qualify must have a minimum GPA of 2.75, enroll in a public college or university within their state of legal residence, and plan to pursue a bachelor's degree, be a US citizen or permanent resident, and demonstrate financial need. To apply go to www.kfcscholars.org **Deadline: December 1, 2011**

Beta Sigma Psi: National Lutheran College Fraternity: \$1000 scholarship award will be given to a confirmed Lutheran freshman male beginning his college studies at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign campus. See Mrs. Lee for application. **Deadline: Jan 31, 2012**

US Bank Scholarship: Will award 40 \$1000 US Bank scholarships to high school seniors who will be attending eligible four year colleges and universities. The winners are drawn randomly. You can apply online at www.usbank.com/scholarship **Deadline: March 2012**

Veteran's Scholarship: There is a tuition waiver available for children of Veterans living in Illinois. The waiver may be used for any University of Illinois campus. UP to six waivers per Illinois county are awarded each year, one for each of the following conflicts: World War II, Korean Conflict, Vietnam Conflict, Southwest Asia Conflict, Operation Enduring Freedom, and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Applications will be available beginning December 1, 2011. Students need to apply before **March 1, 2012**. To learn more about this tuition waiver go to <https://secure.admin.illinois.edu/osfa/scholarship-database/detail.aspx?id=1522>

Abbott & Fenner Scholarship: Abbott and Fenner Business Consultants are pleased to be able to continue with our scholarship program for the 5th year. We will be awarding up to **\$1,000** to the winner(s) each year. Application Process is that students will submit an essay on the topic that appears on the scholarship page of our website: <http://www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.htm> **Deadline: June 15, 2012**

Illinois AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Memorial Scholarship: To be eligible must be a HS senior, be a child or grandchild of a Veteran of the USA who served after Sept 15, 1940 and was Honorably Discharged or who is presently serving in the military, and have taken the ACT/SAT. **Deadline: March 1, 2012**

Illinois AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Worchild Scholarship: To be eligible must be a HS senior, be a child of a deceased father or mother who was a Veteran of the USA who served after

Sept 15, 1940 and was Honorably Discharged, they need not be killed in action or died as a result of a service-connected disability, and have taken the ACT/SAT. **Deadline: March 1, 2012**

Illinois AMVETS Service Foundation Scholarship: \$1000 non-renewable scholarship. To be eligible must be an IL HS senior and have taken the ACT/SAT. **Deadline: March 1, 2012**

Illinois AMVETS Sad Sacks Nursing Scholarship: Must be a IL HS senior who has been accepted into a pre-approved nursing program or may already be a student in an approved School or Nursing in the state of Illinois. Must also prove a satisfactory in academic record, character, interest, and activity record, and financial need. **Deadline: March 1, 2012**

Illinois AMVES Trade School Scholarship: \$1000 non-renewable scholarship. To be eligible must be an IL HS senior who has been accepted in a pre-approved trade school program. A copy of an acceptance letter must accompany the application. **Deadline: March 1, 2012**

Illinois Retired Teachers Association Scholarship: \$1500 scholarship. To be eligible must be have a 3.0 GPA and must be accepted into a Teacher Certification Program. See Mrs. Lee for application. **Deadline: March 7, 2012**

Illinois PTA Scholarship: 1st place is \$1500 2nd place is \$1000. Applicants must be in upper 33% of class, graduating senior preparing to enter an education or education-related degree requiring certification from a state board of education. See Mrs. Lee for application. **Deadline: Feb 17, 2012**

Cargill Community Scholarship Program: Scholarship will award 350 \$1000 scholarships to high school seniors who live in communities where Cargill has a business presence. Our nearest Cargill is between Front Street and Mulberry Street in Hennepin, IL. For application and guidelines please go to www.cargill.com keyword scholarship. **Deadline: Feb 15, 2012**

Livingston County Farm Bureau Scholarship: \$1500 for qualified students pursuing a career in agriculture or ag-related field. See Mrs. Lee for application. **Deadline: Feb 28, 2012**

1st Farm Credit Services Agricultural Scholarship Program: \$1000 scholarship will be awarded to a graduating high school senior who is pursuing an education in a career field that is agriculture-related or a field that will contribute to the quality of rural life. See Mrs. Lee for application. **Deadline: Feb 15, 2012**

Best Buy Scholarship: Best Buy will be giving out 1200 scholarships of \$1000 each. Apply on line at www.bestbuy-communityrelations.com or at www.at15.com **Deadline: Feb 15, 2012**

Free Star Bank: Dean Selmeier Scholarship: Eligible students will graduate from high school in Livingston County and are planning on furthering their education in business, finance, or primary/secondary education. This is a \$500.00 scholarship. See Mrs. Lee for application. **Deadline: April 20, 2012**

National Defense Transportation Association Scholarship: Will award two scholarships of \$3500 and four scholarships of \$2000 for students enrolled in bachelor degree programs and two additional awards of \$1500 each for students enrolled in associates degrees. Preference will be given to students who are pursuing courses of study in business, transportation logistics, and physical distribution. See Mrs. Lee for application. **Deadline: March 1, 2012**

Sons of the Confederate Veterans Scholarship: The IL division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans is offering a \$1000 scholarship to a graduating senior who resides in IL and will be enrolling at a community college or university in the fall. Eligibility requirements are: student must be a descendant of a male who served honorably in the Army, Navy, Judicial, Executive, or Civil Service of the Confederate States of America, Must have lineal or collateral family lines that must be documented genealogically with a descendency chart, and students must submit a 500 word essay. See Mrs. Lee for application. **Deadline: March 15, 2012**

First Financial Bank: Arvetta M. Lewis Scholarship: The scholarship has been set up to assist graduating seniors that reside in Ford or Livingston Counties and plan to attend the University of Illinois majoring in agricultural field. The scholarship is a minimum of \$500. See Mrs. Lee for application. **Deadline: April 20, 2012**

The Secretariat: Kathryn G. Hansen Scholarship: \$500 award for a student who pursuing higher education in an office profession, secretarial, or business-related field within the State of IL with preference given to attendance at the University of Illinois. See Mrs. Lee for application. **Deadline: March 9, 2012**

Zonta International: Young Women in Public Affairs Scholarship: Must be 16-19 years old, have an active commitment to volunteerism, experience in local or student government, volunteer leadership achievements, knowledge of Zonta International and it's programs. Application can be attained by going to www.zonta.org or seeing Mrs. Lee **Deadline: Feb 29, 2012**

Fred S. Bailey Scholarship: Must show a commitment to community engagement, service, leadership, and academics and who plans to attend the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. The award is \$3000 each academic year and may be renewed if scholarship requirements are met. Apply online at www.universityymcs.org/bailey **Deadline: Feb 28, 2012**

Livingston County Sheriff's Association Scholarship: \$500.00 scholarship will be awarded to a Livingston County 2012 graduate. See Mrs. Lee for application. **Deadline: March 12, 2012**

Streator Leading Ladies Scholarship: \$500.00 scholarship for any female student of Streator or Woodland High School. Qualifications include: must be enrolled in an accredited degree-granting institution as of August 2012, Shall be a full time student, must display leadership potential and a dedication towards community service, must have two letters of recommendation (one academic and one personal), APPLICATION MUST BE TYPED. For an application please see Mrs. Lee or email Kim Donner at bdonner1@mchsi.com **Deadline: March 31, 2012**

Buick Achievers Scholarship: Buick is giving out 100 scholarships of \$25,000 a year and 1000 scholarships of \$2000. Must plan to enroll at a four year college or university in 2012-2013 and must plan to major in a field of study that focuses on engineering, technology, design or business, with an interest in the automotive industry. Apply online at www.buickachievers.com
Deadline: Feb 29, 2012

Illinois Laborers' and Contractors Joint Apprenticeship and Training Program: must be a HS graduate, not less than 18 years old, physically able to perform the work of the trade, a reading, understanding, writing, and communicating ability as would enable the applicant to perform the tasks of the construction craft laborer in a safe manner and comprehend the subject matter taught in English only, Have a valid driver's licence, drug testing shall be required. See www.illaborers.org for more details.

Financial Plus Credit Union Scholarship: Financial Plus will give away five \$500 scholarship awards. These scholarships will be awarded to students who are FPCU members and in need of financial assistance. Please see Mrs. Lee for application or go to www.fiancialplus.org
Deadline: April 13, 2012

SAMMY 2012 Award: \$7500 scholarship based on academic performance, athletic excellence, leadership, community service, and milk experience essay. To apply go online at www.sammyapplication.com **Deadline: March 19, 2012**

2012 Psi U Scholarship Grant: Psi Upsilon Scholarship Grant program awards scholarships totaling \$3000 (1st place: \$2000, 2nd place: \$750, third place \$250) to three incoming freshman attending the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign who exhibit the highest moral, intellectual, and social excellence. You can apply online at www.illinipsiu.com/scholarship-application **Deadline: August 2, 2012**

Sigma Phi Epsilon Scholarship: \$1750 to an incoming male student to the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign who have excelled in the areas of scholarship, leadership, athletics, and community service. You can apply online at www.illinoissigeps.com **Deadline: April 16, 2012**

Illinois Lumber and Material Dealers Association Educational Foundation: Scholarships range from \$500-2000. To be eligible must be enrolled full time in a certificate or degree program, a resident of IL, a degree in lumber and building materials or an allied field. See Mrs. Lee for application. **Deadline: April 1, 2012**

Illinois Heartland Decorative Artist Scholarship: Scholarships range from \$500-1000 to be awarded to two art students who will graduate high school 2011-2012 and attend college and pursue a degree in an art related field. See Mrs. Lee for application. **Deadline: April 2, 2012**

Champion Fitness Scholarship: Available to any senior who plans to pursue a career in either physical therapy or athletic training. Must have 3.0 GPA and reside within a 30 mile radius of Champion Fitness. See Mrs. Lee for information. **Deadline: April 13, 2012**

Livingston County Home and Community Education Scholarship: \$1000 scholarship for a person pursuing an education in Family and Consumer Sciences or related field. See Mrs. Lee for application. **Deadline: May 31, 2012**