



Hoffman Estates High School
College/Career Resource Center

Private Scholarship Offerings

Dear HEHS Students and Parents:

Welcome to our compilation of scholarship opportunities available to HEHS seniors! Between 75-100 privately-funded scholarships are advertised every year through our College/Career Resource Center (CRC-Room 132) and website. We hope this booklet will provide not only easy-to-read descriptions of these offerings, but also give both students and parents a realistic view as to exactly what is required for each separate opportunity. Please take into consideration that some scholarships may not be offered on an annual basis due to a lack of funding and website content and yearly deadlines may change.

Private scholarships begin arriving in our office in September and the actual scholarship “season” is at its height between December and April. The guide has been organized by **monthly due dates**. Scholarship opportunities will be posted for students **approximately one month in advance** of their individual due dates on the hallway wall outside the CRC. Most scholarship applications are available on line. For those scholarships applications that are not available on line, students can read the descriptions for each individual scholarship and then come into the CRC to pick up an application or instructions for acquiring applications. These postings are also available for parents and students through our CRC website at: <http://hhs.d211.org/students/college-career-center/scholarship-information/>. Simply click on **Scholarship Information** to view the posted scholarships and the link to the application, if available.

While many scholarships remain constant from year to year, others are disbanded and still others emerge. While **due dates** usually remain consistent, some scholarships **may change** their postmarked deadlines. Our goal, as always, is to supply you with the most current information regarding these opportunities; therefore, we are providing you with several resources to aid in your search.

Finally, while we are happy to provide this information, please be realistic and diligent in your search for scholarships and grants. More than 80% of all “gift” aid comes from individual colleges and universities and their financial aid budgets. Please check their financial aid links for information about specific scholarships for incoming freshman and/or specific majors. In addition, some of the scholarships listed in our guide require extensive documentation of family financial resources as well as student-produced essays and teacher recommendations. Students and parents should always weigh the advantages/disadvantages of each scholarship opportunity before committing to the application process.

We wish you good luck in your financial aid search and in all post-secondary endeavors.

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December Deadline Scholarships

AXA Achievement Scholarship

52 State winners and 10 National winners \$10,000 - State; \$25,000- Nat'l Eligibility: U.S.

Apply at: **<http://www.axa-equitable.com/axa-foundation/AXA-achievement-scholarship.html>**

- ***Applicant Criteria:*** Senior Status, GPA, ACT, attending 2 or 4 year School
*Students must describe an “outstanding achievement” they have accomplished in a non-academic activity or project. This accomplishment may be a long-term achievement, an activity or project that occurred in school, community or at work.
- ***Application requirements include:*** Application, Transcript, Essay includes discussion of your “outstanding achievement” centered on the challenges, structure of project and its impact on you and/or school or community, Work/Experiences/Training, Activities/Leadership/Honors, 1 Recommendation

Elks National Foundation Scholarship – Most Valuable Student

500 Nationally Amount \$1,000 and \$15,000 Eligibility: U.S. Resident

Apply at: **<http://www.elks.org/enf/scholars/mvs.cfm>**

- ***Applicant Criteria:*** Senior Status, attending a 2 or 4 year, Financial Need
- ***Application requirements include:*** Application, Transcript, Statement of Finances, One Essay 500 words on impact that one of your leadership roles or extracurricular activities has had on you, Work/Experiences/Training, Activities/Leadership/Honors, 1 Recommendation
*Application at www.elks.org/enf/scholars

Hanover Park Youth of the Year

2 Awards Amount \$1,000 and \$500 Eligibility: Hanover Park Resident

*Apply at: **<http://www.hanoverparkillinois.org/Our-Community/Scholarships-Awards/Youth-of-the-Year-Award.aspx>**

- ***Applicant Criteria:*** Senior Status, attending a 2 or 4 year, or trade/tech School, Student must have done something significant in at least of one of the following: Community Service, Service to School, Personal Achievement, Heroism, Family Commitment
- ***Application requirements include:*** Application, Transcript, One page Essay relating to categories above telling why you should be considered, Work/Experiences/Training, Activities/Leadership/Honors, 1 Recommendation

December Deadline Scholarships

IFT/Carl Megel Special Ed Scholarship

1 Award Amount \$1,000 Eligibility: Illinois Resident

- ***Applicant Criteria:*** Senior Status, ACT, attending a 2 or 4 year School
* *Applicant must be child of current Illinois Federation of Teachers (IFT) member AND must be presently enrolled in some form of special education class or program. Students planning to teach special education students are NOT eligible*
- ***Application requirements include:*** Application, Transcript, One page Essay about “What I hope to gain from a postsecondary education”, Work/Experiences/Training, Activities/Leadership/Honors, 1 Recommendation, Proof of enrollment in special education program

*Apply at: <http://www.ift-aft.org/benefits/Scholarships.aspx>

IFT/Robert Porter Scholarship

2 Awards Amount \$1,500 -\$6,000 Total Eligibility: Illinois Resident

Apply at: <http://www.ift-aft.org/benefits/Scholarships.aspx>

- ***Applicant Criteria:*** Senior Status, GPA at least 3.0, ACT, attending a 4 year Illinois PUBLIC School
* Applicant must be child of current Illinois Federation of Teachers (IFT) member
- ***Application requirements include:*** Application, Transcript, Statement of Finances, 500 word Essay: “What role do labor unions and union members play as positive forces in society OR Three examples how labor unions have been/are a positive force in American society, Work/Experiences/Training, Activities/Leadership/Honors, 1 Recommendation

Scholarship Experts

Multiple Awards * Amount \$1,000 Eligibility: US

(New essays and deadlines throughout the year)

Apply at: <http://www.scholarshipexperts.com/apply.htx>

- ***Applicant Criteria:*** Age 13 or older, attending a 2 or 4 year school
- ***Application requirements include:*** Application, Essay: 250 word – “Create a list of your 10 favorite books and what they have taught you.”

*Apply online at www.scholarshipexperts.com/apply.htx

NFIB Young Entrepreneur Award

Award is open to Seniors who are operating their own small business

Apply at: www.NFIB.com/YEA

January Deadline Scholarships

Beta Sigma Psi Lutheran Scholarship

1 Award Amount \$1,000 Eligibility: Student must be planning on attending
U of I - Urbana Champaign

- ***Applicant Criteria:*** Senior Status, Male Only, Student must be confirmed Lutheran
- ***Application requirements include:*** Application, Transcript, One Recommendation letter from student's pastor, Work/Community Service, Activities/Leadership/Honors
- ***Must interview in Urbana in April. Must send away for application. Similar programs are also at Purdue, Nebraska, Iowa State, Missouri-Columbia, Missouri-Rolla and Kansas State.***
- ***Send in application card or email bsp_scxholarship@yahoo.com***

*Apply at: **<http://alpha.alumni.betasigmapsi.org/scholarship.html>**

Greenhouse Scholars Program

Tuition Scholarships Amount: Up to \$5,000 renewable Eligibility: U.S. Citizen

- Applicant Criteria: Senior in CO or IL, 3.5 GPA, Commitment to community service, Leadership skills, Demonstrate an ability to persevere through difficult circumstances, Financial Need
- Application Requirement: Online Application, 3 letter of rec, transcript, Complete 5 short answer responses, 1 essay

*Apply at: **<http://www.greenhousescholars.org/application.html>**

Schaumburg Township Council of PTA's 4 year College Scholarship

Up to 9 Awards Amount \$2,000 Eligibility: See Applicant Criteria

- ***Applicant Criteria:*** Senior Status, GPA top 30% of class, attended a District 54 elementary for at least one year and a District 54 middle school for two years, attending a 4 year School
- ***Application requirements include:*** Application, Transcript, Five short Essay questions on goals, accomplishments, experiences and an Essay on PTA objectives, Work/Experiences/Training, Activities/Leadership/Honors

January Deadline Scholarships

Schaumburg Township Council of PTA's 2 year College/Trade/Vocational School Scholarship

Up to 2 Awards Amount \$2,000 Eligibility: See Applicant Criteria

- ***Applicant Criteria:*** Senior Status, GPA top 50% of class, attended a District 54 elementary for at least one year and a District 54 middle school for two years, attending a 2 year or Trade or Vocational School
- ***Application requirements include:*** Application, Transcript, Five short Essay questions on goals, accomplishments, experiences and an Essay on PTA objectives, Work/Experiences/Training, Activities/Leadership/Honors

Schaumburg Township Council of PTA's Bonnie Greenberg Memorial Scholarship

One Award Amount \$2,000 Eligibility: See Applicant Criteria

- ***Applicant Criteria:*** Senior Status, Special Education needs, Current IEP, attended a District 54 elementary for at least one year and a District 54 middle school for two years, attending a career development program, accredited college, university, junior college or trade school.
- ***Application requirements include:*** Application, Transcript, Four questions on goals, and a Letter of Support by an adult stating "why the student should be selected to receive this award."

GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship Program

20 Awards Amount \$10,000 renewable

- **Applicant Criteria:** Senior, demonstrate leadership qualities, strong academics, 3.0+, financial need, U.S. Citizen, attending 4 year institution
Apply at www.scholarshipamerica.org/ge-reagan

February Deadline Scholarships

AXA Achievement Community Scholarship

Up to 2 in each branch office (Our branch is in Oakbrook)

Amount \$2,000

Eligibility: United States

Apply at: <http://www.axa-scholarship.com/>

- ***Applicant Criteria:*** Senior Status, GPA, ACT, attend a 2 or 4 year School
*Students must describe an “outstanding achievement” they have accomplished in a non-academic activity or project. This accomplishment may be a long-term achievement, an activity or project that occurred in school, community or at work.
- ***Application requirements include:*** Application, Transcript, Work/Community Service, Activities/Honors/Leadership, One Recommendation letter, Essay: Student must provide short answers to the “outstanding achievement” mentioned above. Answers will address challenges, structure of project and its impact on you and /or school or community.

Best Buy @ 15 Scholarships

2 Awards for every Best Buy Store (approximately 1000 total)

Amount \$1,000

Eligibility: United States

Apply at: www.bby.com/community-relations/programs/best-buy-scholarship-program/

- ***Applicant Criteria:*** Senior Status, GPA, attending 2 or 4 year or trade/tech School
- ***Application requirements include:*** Application, Transcript, Essay: Student will be asked to explain their SIGNIFICANT community service experience, Work/Community Service, Community Service is the main criterion for this scholarship.

Burger King Scholars Program

Up to 700 Awards

Amount \$1,000

Eligibility: United States

Apply at: <https://www.scholarshipamerica.org/burgerkingscholars/>

- ***Applicant Criteria:*** Senior Status, GPA 2.5 and above, attend a 2 or 4 year or Vocational/Tech School, Work at least 10 hours per week, 40 weeks per year
- ***Application requirements include:*** Application, Transcript, Statement of Finances 1040 Form required, Work/Community Service, Activities/Honors/Leadership, 1 letter of Recommendation

* Must apply on-line at http://www.haveityourwayfoundation.org/bksp_application.html

Access Key is BKS

February Deadline Scholarships

CBAI Foundation for Community Banking

Several Awards

Amount \$1,000

Eligibility: Illinois Resident

Apply at: <http://www.scholarships.com/financial-aid/college-scholarships/scholarships-by-state/illinois-scholarships/cbai-foundation-for-community-banking-annual-scholarship-program/>

- ***Applicant Criteria:*** Senior Status, Illinois Resident
- ***Application requirements include:*** Application, 2 page Essay, double spaced: “What I like most about my community bank.” Must include title, may NOT use name of a specific bank on Essay.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority

4 separate scholarships

Amount \$1,000

Eligibility: Northwest Suburbs Resident

- ***Applicant Criteria:*** Senior Status, GPA 2.5 and top ½ of class, ACT 21-25, Field of Study: one scholarship is for science/technology major, Ethnicity: African American, attending 2 or 4 year School, Financial need necessary for one of the scholarships
- ***Application requirements include:*** Application, Transcript, Statement of Finances (for one of the scholarships), 500 word Essay: choose a current issue important to you and discuss how your education will allow you to make an impact on that issue, Work/Experiences/Training, Activities/Leadership/Honors, 2 non-family Recommendations

*Information available at: http://www.ekcdst.org/EKC_Program -- info@ekcdst.org

District 211 Teachers Union Family Scholarship

2 Awards

Amount \$1,500

Eligibility: Child of District 211 Teachers Union Member

- ***Applicant Criteria:*** Senior Status, GPA at least 3.0, attending a 2 or 4 year school
- ***Application requirements include:*** Application, Transcript, 2 page Essay on self-evaluation highlighting a strong interest, personality trait, experience, etc., Work/Community Service, Activities/Honors/Leadership

* Out-of-School activities require a verification of hours/participation for each entry.

Students must make additional copies of final page, one for each out-of-school activity

*Apply at: <http://www.local1211.org/main/>

February Deadline Scholarships

District 211 Teachers Union Scholarship

1 Award for HEHS (5 total) Amount \$1,500 Eligibility: District 211 at least 11th and 12th grade

- ***Applicant Criteria:*** Senior Status, D211 school for at least 11-12th grade, attending a 2 or 4 year School, GPA at least 3.0 unweighted

- ***Application requirements include:*** Application, Transcript, 2 page Essay: a self-evaluation highlighting a strong interest, personality trait, experience, etc., Work/Community Service, Activities/Honors/Leadership

*Out-of-School activities require a verification of hours/participation for each entry. Students must make additional copies of final page, one for each out-of-school activity

*Apply at: <http://www.local1211.org/main/>

District 211 Teachers Union Vocational Scholarship

1 Award Amount \$1,500 Eligibility: District 211

- ***Applicant Criteria:*** Senior Status, D211 school for at least 11-12th grade, attending a Trade/Tech School

- ***Application requirements include:*** Application, Transcript, 2 page Essay: a self-evaluation highlighting your inspiration for your vocational interest, future goals, etc., Work/Community Service, Activities/Honors/Leadership, 1 letter of Recommendation from a non-related adult who is knowledgeable about your vocational interest

*Out-of-School activities require a verification of hours/participation for each entry. Students must make additional copies of final page, one for each out-of-school activity

*Apply at: <http://www.local1211.org/main/>

Guardian Life Insurance “Girls Going Places” Scholarship

15 Awards Amount \$1,000 - \$10,000 Eligibility: U.S.

Unfortunately, this program has been discontinued. For more scholarship opportunities, please visit www.Scholarships.com or www.Fastweb.com

Illinois Council for Exceptional Children – Lesley Graham Scholarship

2 Awards Amount \$500 each Eligibility: Illinois

Apply at: <http://illinoiscec.org/icec-dr-leslie-p-graham-scholarship/>

- ***Applicant Criteria:*** Senior Status, Student must present Individualized Educational Plan (IEP) to verify disability, GPA 2.5 and above, attending 2 or 4 year school or trade/tech school

- ***Application requirements include:*** Application, Transcript, Statement of Finances, Work/Community/Service, 2 Recommendations – one from Special Education Teacher, one from IEP team member

*Must also present acceptance letter from post-secondary institution

February Deadline Scholarships

Illinois Council for Exceptional Children – School to Work Scholarship

2 Awards

Amount \$500 each

Eligibility: Illinois

- ***Applicant Criteria:*** Senior Status, Student must present Individualized Educational Plan (IEP) to verify disability
- ***Application requirements include:*** Application, Transcript, Statement of Finances, Work/Community/Service, 2 Recommendations – one from Special Education Case Manager, one from current employer
**Scholarship is to provide financial assistance for transition from high school to employment (e.g. job coach, transportation, etc.)*

Kathryn Hansen Scholarships

2 Awards

Amount \$500

Eligibility: Illinois Resident

Apply at: **<http://www.schoolsoup.com/scholarship-directory/academic-major/secretarial-sciences/Kathryn-G-Hansen-Scholarship-Secretarial-Sciences-67406/>**

- ***Applicant Criteria:*** Senior Status, Illinois Resident, GPA, ACT, attending 4 year school, Field of Study: Professional, Business or Secretarial Field in state of Illinois university with preference being given to U of I – Urbana-Champaign
- ***Application requirements include:*** Application, Transcript, 500 word Essay: explaining your future educational and career plans, 2 letters of Recommendation from non-relatives

KFC Colonel's Scholarship

50 Awards

Amount up to \$5,000

Eligibility: United States

- ***Applicant Criteria:*** Senior Status, GPA 2.75 and above, attending 2 or 4 year State (public) university, or trade/tech School, Financial need
- ***Application requirements include:*** Application, Transcript, Statement of Finances – FAFSA required, Short Q & A Essay, 1 Recommendation
** Application online at **www.kfcscholars.org***

Lillian Glover/PTA Scholarship

2 Awards

Amount \$500 - \$1,000

Eligibility: Illinois Resident

- ***Applicant Criteria:*** Senior Status, Class Rank upper 33%, Field of Study: Education or Education-related field, attending 2 or 4 year school, Photo Required
- ***Application requirements include:*** Application, Transcript, 2 short Essays: discuss field of education and importance of parent involvement in education and future plans/goals, Work/Community Service, Activities/Honors/Leadership

*Apply at: **<http://www.illinoispta.org/scholarship.html>**

February Deadline Scholarships

Riceland Rice Scholarship Program

- 6 Awards Amount \$2,000 Eligibility: Chicagoland
- ***Applicant Criteria:*** Senior Status, Chicagoland, attending 2 or 4 year School
 - ***Application requirements include:*** Application, 150 to 250 word Essay: “What will my college degree say about me?”-Essay judged on conciseness, originality, grammar, spelling
 - ***Application available in College Room***

Ronald McDonald House Scholars Program (Note: Deadline 1-21-2014)

- 1 or more per RMHC chapter Amount \$1,000 Eligibility: United States
- *Apply at: <http://www.rmhc.org/rmhc-us-scholarships>*
- ***Applicant Criteria:*** Senior Status, GPA 2.7 and above, ACT, attending 2 or 4 year, or trade/tech School, Financial need: Applicants must submit copy of Form 1040 filed by parents
 - ***Application requirements include:*** Application, Transcript, Statement of Finances, 1-2 page Essay: Personal statement about community involvement, career goals and desire to contribute to the community, Activities/Leadership/Honors, 1 Recommendation

Ronald McDonald House Charity – African American Future Achievers (Note: Deadline 1-21-2014)

- 1 or more per RMHC chapter Amount \$1,000 Eligibility: United States
- *Apply at: <http://www.rmhc.org/rmhc-us-scholarships>*
- ***Applicant Criteria:*** Senior Status, GPA 2.7 and above, ACT, African American, attending 2 or 4 year, or trade or tech School, Financial need: Applicants must submit copy of Form 1040 filed by parents
 - ***Application requirements include:*** Application, Transcript, Statement of Finances, 1-2 page Essay: Personal statement about African-American heritage, community involvement, career goals and desire to contribute to the community, Activities/Leadership/Honors, 1 Recommendation

February Deadline Scholarships

Ronald McDonald House Charity – Asian Scholarship Program(Note: Deadline 1-21-2014)

1 or more per RMHC chapter Amount \$1,000 Eligibility: United States

Apply at: <http://www.rmhc.org/rmhc-us-scholarships>

- ***Applicant Criteria:*** Senior Status, GPA 2.7 and above, ACT, Asian-Pacific Islander, attending 2 or 4 year or trade/tech School, Financial need: Applicants must submit copy of Form 1040 filed by parents
- ***Application requirements include:*** Application, Transcript, Statement of Finances, 1-2 page Essay: Personal statement about Asian-Pacific Islander heritage, community involvement, career goals and desire to contribute to the community, Activities/Leadership/Honors, 1 Recommendation

Ronald McDonald House Charity – Hacer -Hispanic(Note: Deadline 1-21-2014)

1 or more per RMHC chapter Amount \$1,000 Eligibility: United States

*Apply at: <http://www.rmhc.org/rmhc-us-scholarships>

- ***Applicant Criteria:*** Senior Status, GPA 2.7 and above, ACT, Hispanic, attending 2 or 4 year or trade/tech School, Financial need: Applicants must submit copy of Form 1040 filed by parents
- ***Application requirements include:*** Application, Transcript, Statement of Finances, 1-2 page Essay: Personal statement about Hispanic heritage, community involvement, career goals and desire to contribute to the community, Activities/Leadership/Honors, 1 Recommendation

Schaumburg – Hoffman Estates Rotary Scholarships

Up to 8 Awards Amount \$500 - \$1,500 Eligibility: Schaumburg, Hoffman Estates

*Apply at: <http://www.clubrunner.ca/Portal/SitePages/SitePage.aspx?cid=2404&pid=17008>

- ***Applicant Criteria:*** Senior Status, GPA, attending 2 year or trade/tech School, Must be going in to a career that requires LESS than a four year degree
- ***Application requirements include:*** Application, Transcript, Statement of “Future Plans/Goals”, Work/Experiences/Training, Activities/Leadership/Honors, 2 Recommendations plus counselor statement

** Applicants will be personally interviewed by Rotarians. Local Rotary winners will be sent to District competition that will award up to eighteen additional \$1,500 scholarships*

February Deadline Scholarships

Sports Lodge B'nai B'rith

Up to 30 Awards Amount \$1,000 – \$5,000 Eligibility: Northwest Suburbs

- ***Applicant Criteria:*** Senior Status, GPA, attending 2 or 4 year School, Must be of Jewish Faith, Must be involved in high school sports activity
- ***Application requirements include:*** Application, Transcript, Statement of Finances-must supply tax returns, Statement of “Future Plans/Goals”, Work/Experiences/Training, Activities/Leadership/Honors, 1 Recommendation
- * *Applicants will be personally interviewed by Rotarians. Local Rotary winners will be sent to District competition that will award up to eighteen additional \$1,500 scholarships*

Tall Club of Chicago Scholarship

1 Award Amount \$750 Eligibility: Chicagoland

*Apply at: **<http://www.tall.org/>**

- ***Applicant Criteria:*** Senior Status, GPA, attending 2 or 4 year School
- ***Application requirements include:*** Application, Transcript, Essay: “What being tall means to me.”, Work/Experiences/Training, Activities/Leadership/Honors, 2 Recommendations
- * Must be at least 5’10” (women) or 6’2” (men); Photo required for finalists. Finalists will be required to interview.

March Deadline Scholarships

AHEPA 13th District Scholarship

25 total Awards in Illinois and Wisconsin in 2009 Amount \$23,500 in 2009

Eligibility: Resident of Illinois or Wisconsin

Apply at: www.fa.niu.edu/fa_scholarships/Ethnic%20Background/AHEPA.pdf

- ***Applicant Criteria:*** Senior Status, GPA 3.0 or above, ACT, Greek and/or AHEPA Member, attending a 2 or 4 year School, Financial Need
* *Parent and/or student must be a member of 13th District AHEPA family chapter for at least 2 years prior to this application.*
- ***Application requirements include:*** Application, Transcript, Statement of Finances, Short Essay on ideals and goals of AHEPA, Work/Experience /Training, Activities/Honors/Leadership, 2 letters of Recommendation, Statement of “Future Plans/Goals”, Photo is optional

American Chemical Society Scholars Award

Multiple Awards Amount Up to \$2,500 for College Freshman to \$5,000 for College Junior and Senior Eligibility: United States

- ***Applicant Criteria:*** Senior Status, ACT, African-American, Hispanic , American Indian, Field of Study: Chemistry or related field, attending a 2 or 4 year School
- ***Application requirements include:*** Application, Transcript, Statement of Finances, Work/Experience /Training, Activities/Honors/Leadership, 2 letters of Recommendation, Apply on-line at www.acs.org – Click on Funding and Awards at top & on ACS Scholars under SCHOLARSHIPS

AMVETS Scholarships

4 Different Scholarships – Approximately 40 separate awards Amount \$500 and up

3 Awards Eligibility: United States

- ***Applicant Criteria:*** Senior Status, attending a 2 or 4 year School, Field of Study: Trade school and nursing (preference to students who had parents in the military-Service dates required)
- ***Application requirements include:*** Application, Transcript, Statement of Finances, Work/Experience /Training, Activities/Honors/Leadership, Statement of “Future Plans/Goals”

March Deadline Scholarships

AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Scholarship and Ladies Auxiliary Worchid Scholarship

2 Different Scholarships – Several awards for each Amount \$500 each

Eligibility: Awards are for children of War Veterans only.

Apply at: **http://www.ilamvets.org/prog_scholarships_apps.cfm**

- ***Applicant Criteria:*** Senior Status, attending a 2 or 4 year School
**Worchid Scholarship is for child of deceased war veteran*
- ***Application requirements include:*** Application, Transcript, Statement of Finances, Work/Experience /Training, Activities/Honors/Leadership, Statement of “Future Plans/Goals”
**Some scholarships require service dates of veteran parent*

Barrington Area Chamber of Commerce

1 or more Awards Amount: \$1,000 Eligibility: Student/Family Employed by Chamber Member Organizations

- ***Applicant Criteria:*** Senior, attending 2 or 4 year or Technical school
- ***Application Requirement:*** Application, School activities, Volunteerism, Personal Essay discussing College Major and what you wish to accomplish with it after graduation

Bill Donlon Memorial Scholarship

1 Award Amount: \$1,500 Eligibility: HEHS Student

- ***Applicant Criteria:*** HEHS Senior, Financial Need
- ***Application Requirements:*** Application, Transcript, Essay

Buick Achievers Scholarship Program

1100 Nationwide Awards Amount \$1 - \$2000; 100 Up to \$25,000 Eligibility: US

- ***Applicant Criteria:*** Senior Status, attending a 4 year School, GPA, Major/Field of Study: Applied Science, Engineering, Technology, Math, Marketing, Accounting, Finance, Business Majors (28 majors in all) Heavy emphasis
- ***Application requirements include:*** Application, Transcript, Work/Community/Service, Activities/Honors/Leadership **Must apply on-line at **www.buickachievers.com***

Chicago Northwest Suburban Pan-Hellenic Scholarship

4 Awards Amount \$1,500 Eligibility: Northwest Suburbs

- ***Applicant Criteria:*** Senior Status, Female, attending a 4 year School, GPA
- ***Application requirements include:*** Application, Essay: “What do you feel Sorority life could bring to your college experience?”, Work/Community/Service, Activities/Honors/Leadership
**Finalists will have interview scheduled in April. Photo required.*
<http://www.cnwsap.org/scholarship.html>

March Deadline Scholarships

Chicago Roofing Contractors Scholarship

Variable Number of Awards Renewable for 3 years Amount \$1,000 minimum

Eligibility: Cook & 7 other Counties (Must live in Cook, DuPage, Lake, Kane, Kendall, Dekalb McHenry or Will County)

- ***Applicant Criteria:*** Senior Status, attending a 4 year School, GPA, 28 ACT or better, Field of Study: Liberal Arts & Sciences, Engineering, Architecture, Business
- ***Application requirements include:*** Application, Transcript, Work/Community/Service, Activities/Honors/Leadership, Recommendations: One from Counselor/Faculty, one from non-school adult
- * *Apply at:* **http://www.crca.org/crca_scholarship/index.htm**

Chung Family Scholarship

1 Award Amount \$1,000 Eligibility: HEHS Student

- ***Applicant Criteria:*** Senior Status, Field of Study: Performing Arts, Writing, Visual Arts, Communication and Media; Attending a 2 or 4 year School, 3.0 and up GPA
- ***Application requirements include:*** Application, Transcript, 2 Essays: one on your future career in the arts (600-1000 words), the other on how your family and upbringing formed who you are today(300-400 words), Work/Community/Service, Activities/Honors/Leadership, One Recommendation
- **Scholarship available on-line at* **www.d211foundation.org/scholarships.html**

Daniel Fox Memorial Scholarship

1 Award Amount \$500 Eligibility: HEHS Student

- ***Applicant Criteria:*** Senior Status, Upper ½ of class, attending a 2 year or trade/tech School, Major is Applied Technology, Financial Need
- ***Application requirements include:*** Application, Transcript, Statement of Finances, Essay: “Why am I pursuing a career in Applied Technology?”, Work/Community/Service, Activities/Honors/Leadership, 1 Recommendation, Statement about “Future Plans/Goals”
- **Application available on-line at* **www.d211foundation.org/scholarships.html**

March Deadline Scholarships

Delta Kappa Gamma

1 Award Amount \$1,000 Eligibility: Attended Schaumburg District 54 Schools

- ***Applicant Criteria:*** Senior Status, Female, Field of Study: Education, Attended District 54 Schools, attending a 2 or 4 year School
 - ***Application requirements include:*** Application, Transcript, 1 Recommendation, Short Essay about interest in Education, Work/Community/Service, Activities/Honors/Leadership
- *Apply at: [**http://www.deltakappagamma.org/DE/scholarships.html**](http://www.deltakappagamma.org/DE/scholarships.html)

Dustin Rusakiewicz Scholarship

2 Awards – 1 male, 1 female Amount \$1,000 each Eligibility: HEHS Student

- ***Applicant Criteria:*** Senior Status, HEHS STUDENT, GPA 2.5 and above, attending a 2 or 4 year School, Must be a 4 year athlete in high school
- ***Application requirements include:*** Application, Computer generated Essay: “Experience with HEHS athletics”, Work/Community Service, Activities/Honors/Leadership, 2 statements on “Why I want/deserve award” and “Future Plans/Goals”, online application at [**http://www.d211.org/rusakiewicz.shtml**](http://www.d211.org/rusakiewicz.shtml)

Fueling the Minds of the Future

Multiple Awards Amount \$2,000 Eligibility: Chicagoland Resident

- ***Applicant Criteria:*** Senior Status, attending 2, 4 or trade school, 2.5 GPA or better, financial need
 - ***Application requirements include:*** Online Application, 500+ word personal statement, transcript, FAFSA info
- *Apply at: [**http://www.fuelingminds.com/**](http://www.fuelingminds.com/)

George M. Pullman Educational Foundation

Multiple Awards Amount \$200 - \$5,000 Eligibility: Cook County Resident

- ***Applicant Criteria:*** Senior, full-time student at an accredited bachelor’s degree-granting U.S. institution that is eligible to receive Title IV federal aid, strong financial need, 3.0 GPA or higher, FAFSA
 - ***Application requirements:*** Online Application, Transcripts 2 letter of Recommendation, FAFSA SAR
- *Apply at [**www.Pullmanfoundation.org**](http://www.Pullmanfoundation.org)

March Deadline Scholarships

Gerald A. McElroy Memorial Scholarship

1 Award Amount \$500 Eligibility: D211 Student

- ***Applicant Criteria:*** Senior Status, District 211 Student, GPA, attending a 2 or 4 year or trade School
- ***Application requirements include:*** Application, Transcript, Statement of Finances, One page Essay: “Professional/educational goals”, Work/Community Service, Activities/Honors/Leadership, 1 Recommendation letter, 1 statement on “Future Plans/Goals”
*Scholarship application available on-line at [**http://www.d211foundation.org/scholarships.html**](http://www.d211foundation.org/scholarships.html)

Illinois Society of Professional Engineers

2 Awards Amount \$1,000 each Eligibility: Cook County Resident

- ***Applicant Criteria:*** Senior Status, GPA 3.5 and above, attending a 4 year School, Field of Study: is Engineering, ACT 29 Math, 25 English or Reading
- ***Application requirements include:*** Application, Transcript, Statement of Finances, 500 word Essay: “Interest in engineering, long term goals, area of specialization”, Work/Community Service, Activities/Honors/Leadership, 2 Recommendations

Inverness Women’s Club

1 Award Amount \$1,000 Eligibility: District 211 or 220 Resident

- ***Applicant Criteria:*** Senior Status, District 211 or 220 Resident , GPA 3.5 and above, ACT, attending a 2 or 4 year School, Financial Need
- ***Application requirements include:*** Application, Transcript, Statement of Finances, 500 word One page Essay: “Most significant experience and how it shaped your life”, Work/Community Service, Activities/Honors/Leadership, 2 Recommendations mailed separately, 2 Statements on “Why I want/deserve this award” and “Future Plans/Goals”

*Application available in CRC/Information available at [**http://womensclubofinverness.com**](http://womensclubofinverness.com)

Joseph Blazek Foundation

Several Awards Amount \$500 min per year Eligibility: Cook County Resident

- ***Applicant Criteria:*** Senior Status, ACT, attending a 2 or 4 year School, Field of Study: Engineering, Math, Chemistry, Physics or Scientific Field, Financial Need
- ***Application requirements include:*** Application, Transcript, Statement of Finances, 1-2 page Essay: “Self, goals, character, leadership” (400 words max), Work/Community Service, Activities/Honors/Leadership, 1 Recommendation from Counselor, Statements on “Future Plans/Goals”, Copy of CSS PROFILE required (included in application paperwork)

March Deadline Scholarships

Northern Illinois Newspaper Association

Several Awards Amount Total \$1,500 Eligibility: 26 counties in Northern Illinois

- ***Applicant Criteria:*** Senior Status, GPA, ACT, Journalism Major
- ***Application requirements include:*** Application, Transcript, Autobiographical Essay that includes career goals, At least 1 Recommendation letter, Statements on “Future Plans/Goals”, Portfolio of published newspaper work

Northwest Suburban United Way-George Gattas Scholarship

3 Awards Amount: 1 - \$4,000, 2 - \$1,000 Eligibility: Northwest Suburbs

- ***Applicant Criteria:*** Senior Status, GPA, attending a 2 or 4 year School
- ***Application requirements include:*** Application, 400-500 word Essay: “Commitment to providing service to others”, Work/Community Service, Activities/Honors/Leadership, 2 Recommendations, Statement of “Future Plans/Goals”

Richard A. Maass Memorial Scholarship

1 Award Amount: 1 - \$2,000 Eligibility: Illinois Resident

- ***Applicant Criteria:*** Senior Status, GPA, ACT, attending a 2 or 4 year School
- ***Application requirements include:*** Application, Transcript, Statement of Finances, 500 word Essay: “The importance of quality products and services to the country’s future”, Work/Community Service, Activities/Honors/Leadership, 1 Recommendation letter, Verification of community service, Statement of “Why I want/deserve this award”

*Apply at:[http://www.asq-](http://www.asq-foxvalley.org/Leadership/OfficersandCommittees/Committees/Scholarship/Scholarship.htm)

[foxvalley.org/Leadership/OfficersandCommittees/Committees/Scholarship/Scholarship.htm](http://www.asq-foxvalley.org/Leadership/OfficersandCommittees/Committees/Scholarship/Scholarship.htm)

Rotary Club of Schaumburg “Service above Self” Academic Scholarship

1 Award Amount: Up to \$5,000 Eligibility: Student at SHS/HEHS/CHS

- ***Applicant Criteria:*** Senior Status, GPA, ACT, attending a 2 or 4 year School
#1 Criteria is Community Service
- ***Application requirements include:*** Application, Transcript, 2 page Essay: “Why I believe Community Service and Leadership are essential to Humanity”, Work/Community Service, Activities/Honors/Leadership, 2 Recommendation letters, Verification of community service, Personal interview may be requested

March Deadline Scholarships

Schaumburg Athletic Association Scholarship Award

1 Award Amount: \$1,000 Eligibility: District 211 Resident

- ***Applicant Criteria:*** Senior Status, District 211 Resident, GPA 2.5(minimum-unweighted), 5 years participation within SAA organization prior to Senior year as player, coach or referee
- ***Application requirements include:*** Application, Transcript, Essay: “How has SAA contributed in my reaching my goals?”, 2 Recommendation letters - one from teacher/counselor, one from coach or manager

*Apply at: **<http://www.saa-online.com/AboutSAA/SAAScholarship.aspx>**

Scholar Athlete Milk Mustache of the Year (Sammy 2010)

25 Awards Amount: \$7,500 + weekend at Disney Eligibility: United States

- ***Applicant Criteria:*** Senior Status, Competition based on academics, athletics, leadership and community service
- ***Application requirements include:*** Application, 1 Recommendation letter, Work/Experience/Training, Activities/Leadership/Honors

*Log onto **www.bodybymilk.com** click on team refuel for process/ rules. On-line only.

Stephanie Joseph Memorial Fund

1 Award Amount: \$2,500 each Recipient criteria emulates Stephanie: Strong Work Ethic, dedication to school work, sports, cordial & polite, puts others ahead of self, desire for completion and success

- ***Applicant Criteria:*** Senior Status
- ***Application requirements include:*** Application, 1 Essay-Example of a time when student put others before self

*Application downloaded at **<http://www.stephaniejoseph.com/>**

The Links, Inc. Hoffman Estates Chapter

Several Awards Amount \$1,000 Eligibility: Northwest Suburbs Resident

- ***Applicant Criteria:*** Senior Status, GPA 2.0 or above, ACT 18 or higher, African-American, Female, attending a 2 or 4 year school, Photo Required
- ***Application requirements include:*** Application, Transcript, 200 word Essay: “What do you think will be the most significant challenges you will face during your first year of college?”, Work/Community Service, Activities/Honors/Leadership, 1 letter of Recommendation

*Application available in CRC or when available at **<http://hhs.d211.org/students/college-career-center/>**

March Deadline Scholarships

Tim Breslin Memorial Scholarship

1 Award Amount: One Semester of College Tuition Eligibility: Chicagoland

- ***Applicant Criteria:*** Senior Status, Cook County Resident, GPA, attending a 2 or 4 year School
- ***Application requirements include:*** Application, Transcript, Statement of Finances, 500 word Essay: “Describe a hardship that you have had to overcome and how this affected your life.” Work/Community Service, Activities/Honors/Leadership, 2 Recommendation letters

**Award has three year waiting period from the time it is awarded until student may use it.*

**Applications available at <http://chicagowolveshockey.net/community/scholarships-a-awards/tim-breslin>*

U.S. Bank Internet Scholarship Program

40 Awards Amount \$1,000 each Eligibility: United States

- ***Applicant Criteria:*** Senior Status, U.S. Resident, attending a 2 or 4 year School
- ***Application requirements include:*** Winners chosen by random drawing

** Apply at: www.usbank.com/studentloans*

Village of Schaumburg Community Scholarship

Approximately 10 Awards Amount \$500 - \$1,000 each Eligibility: Schaumburg Resident

- ***Applicant Criteria:*** Senior Status, Schaumburg Resident, attending a 2 or 4 year School in ILLINOIS, Financial Need
- ***Application requirements include:*** Application, Statement of Finances, 2 Recommendation letters, 2 Statements – “Why I want/deserve award” and “Future Plans/Goals”, Submit copy of driver’s license for photo identification

W-T Engineering Scholarship

3 Awards - 1 each from HEHS, SHS, CHS Amount \$1,000 each

Eligibility: HEHS, CHS, SHS student

- ***Applicant Criteria:*** Senior Status, attending a 2 or 4 year School, Field of Study: Engineering, Financial Need
- ***Application requirements include:*** Application, Transcript, Statement of Finances, 2 Essays: “Why do I think engineering field is for me?” and “What personal characteristics will aid in my progression as an engineering student?”, Work/Community/Service, Activities/Honors/Leadership, 2 Recommendations, Statement of “Future Plans/Goals”

**Scholarship available on-line at www.d211foundation.org/scholarships.html*

March Deadline Scholarships

William A. Lee Scholarship

10 Awards (2 separate competitions: 5 grants in each)

- Academic competition – Requires transcript, ACT score, Extracurriculars
- Random Draw – Does not require above items

Amount \$2,000 each Eligibility: Child of Union Member affiliated with Chicago Federation of Labor AFL/CIO to enter either competition.

- ***Applicant Criteria:*** Senior Status, GPA, ACT
- ***Application requirements include:*** Application, Transcript, Work/Community/Service, Activities/Honors/Leadership

*Apply at: **<http://www.chicagolabor.org/union-resources/scholarship-information>**

April Deadline Scholarships

AITCOY-Association of Illinois Township Committee on Youth

1 Award Amount \$500 Eligibility: Illinois

Apply at: **http://aitcoy.org/undergraduate_education_scholarship**

- Applicant Criteria : Senior Status, 3.0 GPA, Community Service, attending a 2 or 4 year School
- Application requirements include: School activities, transcripts, 2 letters of reference, 100 word essay describing education goals

Ann Fox PTA Scholarship

1 Award Amount: \$500 Eligibility: Attended Fox Elementary School

- ***Applicant Criteria:*** Senior Status, must have attended Fox Elementary School, attending a 2 or 4 year School
- ***Application requirements include:*** Application, Transcript, Essay about “Future Plans/Goals”, Work/Community Service, Activities, 2 Recommendation letters

Barrington Bank & Trust Scholarship

1 Award Amount: \$1,000 non-renewable Eligibility: US Citizen and Illinois Resident

- ***Applicant Criteria:*** Senior Status, 3.0+ GPA, Financial Need annual household income less than \$60,000
- ***Application requirements include:*** Application, Statement of finances, 2 short essay questions of 150 words or less

Chicago Area Business Aviation Association (CABAA)

6 Awards Amount: \$2,500 each Eligibility: Chicagoland Resident

- ***Applicant Criteria:*** Senior Status, GPA 3.0 and above, Field of Study: Aerospace Engineering, Air Traffic Control, Aircraft Maintenance, Aviation Flight, Aviation Management, Avionics, or Aircraft Electronics, attending a 2 or 4 year School
- ***Application requirements include:*** Application, Transcript, Essay on aviation goals, future education and aviation experience, Work/Community Service, Aviation activities, 3 Recommendation letters

April Deadline Scholarships

Community Scholarship Program

1 Award Amount: \$1,000 Eligibility: Graduate of Illinois High School, U.S. Citizen

- **Applicant Criteria:** Senior, Attending 2 or 4 year or technical U.S. school, 3.0 GPA end of Junior Year
- **Application Requirements:** Application, Activities, Short answered questions.
Apply at: **<http://www.barringtonbank.com/about-us/press-room/2012-03-03/barrington-bank-trust-introduces-community-scholarship-program>**

Fran Beckett & Caroll Walters Student Activities Scholarship

Variable # of Awards Amount: \$500 each Eligibility: HEHS Student

- **Applicant Criteria:** Senior Status, GPA 2.8 and above, Financial Need, 2 or 4 year School
- **Application requirements include:** Application, Statement of Finances, Essay: “What involvement in extracurricular activities has meant to me”, Work/Community Service, Activities, 1 Recommendation letter, Brief statement on “Future plans and goals”

Garden Club of Inverness

1 Award Amount: \$1,000 each Eligibility: Resident School Districts 211 &/or 220

- **Applicant Criteria:** Senior Status, GPA, 2 or 4 year School, Field of Study: Horticulture, Landscape Design, Forestry, Natural Resources, Agriculture, Botany or Environmental Engineering
- **Application requirements include:** Application, Transcript, Work/Community Service, Activities, 2 Recommendation letters, 2 Statements: “Why I want/deserve this award” and “Future plans/ goals”

*Application available at **www.gardenclubofinverness.org**

Hanover Park Lions Dollars for Scholars Foundation

1 Award Amount: Varies Eligibility: U.S. Citizen, Hanover Park 60133 Resident

- **Applicant Criteria:** attend 2 or 4 year accredited ted undergraduate education program, community and/or school activities, demonstrate good moral character and deportment, financial need
- **Application requirements:** Application, recommendation, Short answer responses

*Applications available at

<http://www.hanoverparklions.org/foundation/requirements.shtml>

April Deadline Scholarships

H.E.L.P. (Hoffman Estates Loyal Parents) Scholarship

Multiple Awards

Amount: Variable

Eligibility: HEHS Student

- ***Applicant Criteria:*** Senior Status, GPA/Rank verification from Registrar, attending a 2 year, 4 year or trade/tech School
- ***Application requirements include:*** Application, 2 page Essay: “Why I deserve scholarship, future goals, reason applied to school of choice”

*Applications are available in the CRC or <http://hhs.d211.org/students/college-career-center/scholarship-information/>

Hoffman Estates Jaycees

2 Awards

Amount: \$250 each

Eligibility: Hoffman Estates Resident

- ***Applicant Criteria:*** Senior Status, GPA/Rank verification from Registrar, attending a 2 or 4 year school in Illinois
- ***Application requirements include:*** Application, 1 page Essay: “Why is it important to give back to your community?” Work/Community Service – IMPORTANT, Description of Activities

Illinois Council for Exceptional Children – Lesley Graham Scholarship

Award # Variable

Amount: TBA

Eligibility: Illinois Resident

- ***Applicant Criteria:*** Senior Status, GPA 2.5 and above, attending a 2 year, 4 year or trade/tech School, Financial Need, IEP
- ***Application requirements include:*** Application, Transcript, Statement of Finances, Work/Community Service, Activities/Honors/Leadership, 2 Recommendation letters, Copy of acceptance letter from post-secondary institution

Illinois Council for Exceptional Children – School to Work Scholarship

Award # Variable

Amount: TBA

Eligibility: Illinois Resident

- ***Applicant Criteria:*** Senior Status, Financial Need, IEP
- ***Application requirements include:*** Application, Transcript, Statement of Finances, Work/Community Service, 2 Recommendation letters

*Scholarship is to provide financial assistance for transition from high school to employment (e.g. Job Coach, transportation, etc.)

April Deadline Scholarships

Illinois General Assembly Scholarship

8 Award Amount: Tuition Waiver Eligibility: Resident of the 22nd Legislative District

- ***Applicant Criteria:*** Senior, Accepted to CSU, NIU, EIL, SIU-C, SIU-E, GSU, UIUC, ISU, WIU, NEIU
- ***Application requirements include:*** Application, 1 page essay, transcripts, three letter of recommendation

*Apply at: **http://www.isbe.state.il.us/gov_relations/html/scholarships.htm**

Illinois Lumber and Material Dealers Scholarship

Award # Several Amount: \$500-\$2000 Eligibility: Illinois Resident

- ***Applicant Criteria:*** Senior Status, attending a 2 year, 4 year or trade/tech School, Financial Need, Field of Study: Lumber and Building Materials or an Allied Field
- ***Application requirements include:*** Application, Transcript, Statement of Finances, Work/Community Service, Activities/Honors/Leadership, 2 Recommendation letters, Essay: “Discussing activities, employment, general interests and career plans”

Illinois Sheriffs’ Association

1 Award per county Amount: \$500 Eligibility: Illinois Resident

- ***Applicant Criteria:*** Senior Status, GPA, ACT, attending a 2 year, 4 year or trade/tech School in Illinois, Financial Need
- ***Application requirements include:*** Application, Work/Community Service, Activities/Honors/Leadership, Essay: “Whether to legalize marijuana for medicinal use”

Jiffy Lube Chicagoland Teen Driver Scholarship

7 Awards Amount: 6 - \$1,000 and 1-\$7,500 Eligibility: Chicagoland Resident

- ***Applicant Criteria:*** Senior Status, GPA 2.5 and above, attending a 2 year, 4 year or trade/tech School, Financial Need, IEP
- ***Application requirements include:*** Application, Essay: “What drives you?”

April Deadline Scholarships

John Fischetti Scholarship

- 1 Award Amount: \$2000 Eligibility: Chicagoland
- ***Applicant Criteria:*** SENIOR Status, GPA, Journalism or Media Communications Major, **at least one parent of Italian heritage**, attending a 2 or 4 year School
 - ***Application requirements include:*** Application, Transcript, 1 Essay on topic dealing with Italian heritage, Work/Community Service, Activities/Honors/Leadership, Statement of “Why I want/deserve award”, published journalistic work sample, Photograph required
- *Apply at <http://www.jccia.com> – information in about us section

Joint Civic Committee of Italian-American Women’s Division

- 1 Award Amount: \$2000 Eligibility: Chicagoland
- ***Applicant Criteria:*** Senior Status, Female, Chicagoland Resident, GPA 3.75 – 4+, ACT, **one parent at least of Italian heritage**, attending a 2 or 4 year School
 - ***Application requirements include:*** Application, Transcript, Essay: “Why you are proud of your Italian heritage”, Work Service, 2 Recommendation letters, Short Statement on “an influential person in your life”, Photograph required
- *Apply at: <http://www.jccia.com> – information in about us section

Lions Club - Schaumburg & Hoffman Estates

- 1 Award Amount: \$500 Eligibility: Resident of Schaumburg or Hoffman Estates
- ***Applicant Criteria:*** Senior Status, attending a 2 or 4 year School
 - ***Application requirements include:*** Application, Transcript, 2 Essays: “How have I lived up to the Lions Club motto of “WE Serve?” and “what are my goals for the future including education, career and personal goals?”

Marianjoy Scholarship for Students with Physical Disabilities

- Several Award Amount: Up to \$5000 Eligibility: Chicagoland Resident
- ***Applicant Criteria:*** Senior Status with physical disability (cerebral palsy, MS, brain injury, etc.), GPA, attending a 2 or 4 year, or trade School
 - ***Application requirements include:*** Application, Transcript, Essay: “Personal profile about disability, its impact on your life and financial needs”, Work Service, 2 Recommendation letters

April Deadline Scholarships

Merck Respiratory “Will to Win” Scholarship

10 Awards – 2 each in the following categories: Performing Arts, Visual Arts, Community Service, Athletics, Science Amount: \$5000 each Eligibility: U.S.

- ***Applicant Criteria:*** Senior Status, Must have asthma, documented by physician, GPA 3.5+, ACT, attending a 2 or 4 year School
- ***Application requirements include:*** Application, Transcript, Essay: Discuss excellence despite asthma, most significant achievement and future goals, Photocopies of art work, awards etc., Recommendations – 1 to 3 with one from coach highlighting your accomplishments.

Nirmam Vasanwala Commemorative Scholarship

1 Award Amount: \$1000 Eligibility: HEHS Student

- ***Applicant Criteria:*** Senior Status, 3.5+ GPA, attending a 2 or 4 year School, Majoring in a field that “benefits the welfare and service of others”
- ***Application requirements include:*** Application, 500 word Essay on how relationships/interactions helped challenge your understanding of yourself and affected your future aspirations. Also, 4 short (50 word) questions to answer, Work/Community Service, Activities, 2 Recommendations – one from teacher/faculty member and one personal reference from friend or relative

*Apply at:

<http://www.hehs.d211.org/people/brownr/PALS/Nirmam's%20Scholarship%20Application.pdf>

April Deadline Scholarships

Rotary (Dr. James Moon) Scholarship

**Not open to children of Rotary members*

Several Awards Amount: \$5,000 Eligibility: HEHS, FHS, SHS

- ***Applicant Criteria:*** Senior Status, Male, GPA 2.0-3.0, attending a 2 or 4 year School, Financial Need, Copy of tax forms
- ***Application requirements include:*** Application, Transcript, Statement of Finances, Essay- Personal background, college goals, personal vision, Work/Community Service, Activities/Honors/Leadership, 5 Recommendation letters, Short Statements on “Why I want/deserve award” and “Future Plans/Goals”
*Applications available in the CRC

Society of Women Engineers – Chicago Chapter

Several Awards Amount: \$1,000 Eligibility: Chicagoland Resident

- ***Applicant Criteria:*** Senior Status, Female, GPA 3.0 and above, attending a 2 or 4 year school, Field of Study: Engineering
- ***Application requirements include:*** Application, Transcript, Essay- “Why I want to become an Engineer”, Work/Community Service, Activities/Honors/Leadership, 1 Recommendation letter

South Barrington Garden Club

1 Award Amount \$1,000 Eligibility: D211&/or Barrington Resident

- ***Applicant Criteria:*** Senior Status, attending a 4 year School, GPA, Major/Field of Study: Horticulture, landscaper design, forestry, natural resources, agriculture, botany or environmental engineering
- ***Application requirements include:*** Application, Essay: 6 shorter statements on goals, activities, involvement with environmental concerns, etc., Work/Community/Service, Activities/Honors/Leadership, 2 Recommendations not from immediate family (mailed separately from application)

Student-View Scholarship Program

9 Awards Amount: 1-\$4,000, 2-\$1,000, 4-\$500 Eligibility: United States

- ***Applicant Criteria:*** Senior Status, attending a 2 or 4 year, or trade School, Completion of college survey
- ***Application requirements include:*** Application on line at www.student-view.com; Winners selected through random drawing

April Deadline Scholarships

Ups for Downs (United Parent Support for Down Syndrome)

6 Awards Amount: \$15,000 total Eligibility: Chicagoland

4 types of Scholarships are available: 2 for students with Down Syndrome, 1 for students with a sibling with Down Syndrome, and 1 for students who are pursuing a 2 or 4 year degree in a disability related field.

Visit: **www.upsfordowns.org** for scholarship details and application information.

William J. Cook Scholarship

Numerous Awards Amount: \$1,000 - \$5,000 renewable Eligibility: Cook County

- ***Applicant Criteria:*** Senior Status, Male, Resident Cook County, GPA, attending a 2 or 4 year School, Financial Need major consideration
- ***Application requirements include:*** Application, Transcript, Statement of Finances, Work/Community Service, Activities/Honors/Leadership, Counselor/Teacher completes application, “Future Plans/Goals” Statement

*Scholarship available at **<http://sms.scholarshipamerica.org/williamjcook>**

*First 250 applications received processed

May Deadline Scholarships

Accounting Careers for Dummies

1 Award Amount \$1,000 Eligibility: One Award for each state IL, FL, TX, CA
Apply at: www.AccountingCareersforDummies.com

- ***Applicant Criteria:*** Senior Status, pursuing accounting degree at 2 or 4 year school
- ***Application requirements include:*** On-line Application, student essay

Sri Venkateswara Swami (Balaji) Temple of Greater Chicago

Multiple Scholarships Amount: \$10,000 Total

- ***Applicant Criteria:*** Senior Status, attending 2 or 4 year school
- ***Application requirements include:*** Application, student essay, FAFSA, 1 letter of rec

* Application available at www.balaji.org

Hoffman Estates Athletic Association Scholarship

2 Awards Amount: \$500 each Eligibility: Hoffman Estates

- ***Applicant Criteria:*** Senior Status, attending a 2 year, 4 year or trade School, 2 year at least participation in HEAA
- ***Application requirements include:*** Application, Transcript, 5000 word Essay: “Fondest days in HEAA”, 5 short Q & A’s, Photo Required
- ***Award Criteria:*** 20% grades, 20% extra-curricular, 60% answer to questions and essay

*Apply at: [http://www.scholarshipspotlight.com/scholarship/listings/Hoffman-Estates-Athletic-Association-\(HEAA\)-Scholarship/-s-d-40260](http://www.scholarshipspotlight.com/scholarship/listings/Hoffman-Estates-Athletic-Association-(HEAA)-Scholarship/-s-d-40260)

Joint Civic Committee of Italian-American Men’s Division

1 Award Amount: \$2000 Eligibility: Local

- ***Applicant Criteria:*** Senior Status, Male, Chicagoland Resident, GPA 3.75 and above, ACT, **at least one parent 50% Italian**, attending a 2 or 4 year School
- ***Application requirements include:*** Application, Transcript, 2 page Essay, Work/Experiences/Training, Activities/ Leadership/Honors, 2 Recommendation letters, Short Statements on “An influential person in your life” and “Why you are proud of being Italian”, Photograph required

*Apply at <http://www.jccia.com> – information in about us section

May Deadline Scholarships

Joseph Cardinal Bernardin

1 Award Amount \$2,000 Eligibility: Italian Ancestry, Male only

- Applicant Criteria: 3.75-4.0 GPA, Attending 2 or 4 year school
- Application Requirements: Application, Transcript, Essay describing your Italian Ancestry and why you are proud of your heritage, Recommendations (1 from Teacher, 1 from Counselor)

Application at: <http://www.jccia.com/files/2012BERNARDINSCHOLARSHIP.pdf>

Nordstrom Scholarship Program

5 Awards Amount \$10,000 Eligibility: Local

Apply at: nordstrom.com/scholarship

- ***Applicant Criteria:*** **JUNIOR** Status, Chicagoland Resident, GPA 2.7- 4.0 unweighted, attending a 4 year School, Financial Need
- ***Application requirements include:*** Application, Transcript, Statement of Finances, 2 page Essay, Work/Community Service, 1 Recommendation letter, Personal Statement, finalist interview

Satish and Kinna Shah Foundation

Several Amount: TBA Eligibility: Chicagoland

Apply at : <http://thesatishandkinnafoundation.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2011/06/Application.pdf>

- ***Applicant Criteria:*** Senior Status, Indian Decent, attending a 2 or 4 year School, Financial need
- ***Application requirements include:*** Application, Transcript, 2 Essays required: one on reason for financial assistance, the other on giving back to the Indian community, Work Service, Activities, 2 Recommendation letters – one from teacher from last 2 years

Sigma Nu Illinois – Pursuit of Excellence

1 Award \$2,500 non-renewable Eligibility: Attending U of Illinois – Urbana-Champaign

Down Load Application @ www.sigmanuillinois.com - click Pursuit of Excellence Scholarship

- ***Application Criteria:*** Male, GPA 3.0 and higher
- ***Application requirements include:*** Online application, Transcript

August Deadline Scholarships

Psi U Scholarship Grant Program

3 Awards Amount: Totaling \$3,000 Eligibility: Male attending U of I, Urbana-Champaign

- ***Applicant Criteria:*** highest moral, intellectual & social excellence
- ***Application requirements include:*** Complete online application

**No obligation to join Psi Upsilon Fraternity*

Applications available at **<http://www.illinipsiu.com/scholarship-application>.*

October Deadline Scholarships

Coca-Cola Scholars Program

250 Awards Amount \$2,500-\$5,000 Eligibility: United States

- ***Applicant Criteria:*** Senior Status, GPA, attending a 4 year School, Financial Need
- ***Application requirements include:*** Application, Statement of Finances, Work/Experiences/Training, Activities/Leadership/Honors

* Apply online at <http://www.coca-colascholarsfoundation.org/>

Horatio Alger Association

Many Awards Amount up to \$20,000 Eligibility: United States Citizen

- ***Applicant Criteria:*** Senior Status, GPA 2.0 and above, Attending 2 or 4 year school, Financial Need
- ***Application requirements include:*** Application, Transcript, Activities/Leadership/Honors, Statement of Finances-front page of 2010 Parent's tax return

* Apply online at www.horatioalger.org/scholarships

***Include letter of support from one adult who understands your adversity and can describe the unique circumstances in your life (submitted on-line)*

Scholarship Experts "Education Matters" Scholarship (Essay Topics Change each year)

10 Awards \$1,000 each Eligibility: United States

- ***Applicant Criteria:*** 13 years old and older, Attending 2 or 4 year school
- ***Application requirements include:*** Application, Transcript, Essay: 250 words or less on "What would you say to someone who thinks education doesn't matter, or that college is a waste of time and money?"

* Apply online at www.scholarshipexperts.com/apply.htx

Wendy's High School Heisman Award

2 Awards Amount \$10,000 Eligibility: United States

*Awards for many regional and local winners receive Wendy's gift cards.

- ***Applicant Criteria:*** Senior Status, GPA 3.0 and above, Participation in at least one varsity sport
- ***Application requirements include:*** Application, Transcript, Work/Community Service, Activities/Leadership/Honors

* Apply online at www.wendyhighschoolheisman.com

November Deadline Scholarships

Stokes Educational Scholarship Program (National Security Agency)

Variable # of Awards Amount: Tuition for the college of choice

Eligibility: United States

Apply at: http://www.nsa.gov/careers/opportunities_4_u/students/stokes.shtml

- ***Applicant Criteria:*** Senior Status, GPA 3.0 and up, ACT 25 and up, Field of Study: Computer Science, Electrical/Computer Engineering or Math, preference to minority students
****Students MUST apply on-line at www.NSA.gov/Careers***
Students will work for National Security Agency and must work for this Agency at least 6 years after college graduation
- ***Application requirements include:*** Application, Transcript, One page Essay: “I want a career at NSA because...”, Work/Experiences/Training, Activities/Leadership/Honors. 1 Recommendation letter, Supplemental material to enhance application is required

How to Pay for College

What sources are available to help me pay for college? The main sources are grants, scholarships and work-study programs. Most families rely on a combination of these sources.

How do I apply for financial aid? Every college and university in the United States requires that you submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The FAFSA is available on the Internet at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Individual colleges may also require a separate form called the PROFILE. Some colleges use their own institutional form.

What are the main programs that could help me? There are financing programs sponsored by the United States government, the State of Illinois and individual colleges. The chart below covers the main programs. Detailed information about each of these and others is available in the HEHS College and Career Resource Center.

Sources of Financial Aid

Families must complete the FAFSA to be considered for any or all of these programs.

<i>Program Name</i>	<i>Value*</i>	<i>Description</i>
Pell Grant	\$0 - \$5,645	Grant; money based on financial need
Monetary Award Program	\$0 - \$4,968	Grant; must prove financial need; must attend college in Illinois
Hope Scholarship	Up to \$1,500	A tax credit to families paying higher education expenses
Private Scholarships	vary	High schools in District 211 maintain lists of scholarships unique to each school
Stafford Loan	\$3,500	Everyone qualifies for unsubsidized; must show need for lower subsidized interest rate
Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students (PLUS)	Up to cost of education	Loan in the parents' name

*Dollar amounts may vary from year to year

Other Websites for potential Scholarships

www.studentscholarships.org/scholarship.php

www.cappex.com/scholarships

University Scholarships	Each university has its own programs that are often the best sources of scholarships. Contact the university or check their website for further information
D211 Foundation Scholarships	http://www.d211foundation.org/scholarships.html

NOTES



College does not guarantee happiness and success but it does provide a person with the opportunity to test yourself and see what you can achieve. It also opens your eyes and allows you to see the numerous possibilities.

Some thoughts about college from famous people...

"A college degree is not a sign that one is a finished product but an indication a person is prepared for life." ~Reverend Edward A. Malloy

"A college is a place where pebbles are polished and diamonds dimmed." ~Robert Ingersoll

"College is a refuge from hasty judgment." ~ Robert Frost

"A college education should equip one to entertain three things: a friend, an idea and oneself." ~ Thomas Ehrlich

"Life is my college. May I graduate well, and earn some honors!" ~ Louisa May Alcott

"I found that nothing in life is worthwhile unless you take risks."—Denzel Washington
Commencement Address at University of Pennsylvania, 2011

Don't ever dare to take your college as a matter of course - because, like democracy and freedom, many people you'll never know have broken their hearts to get it for you. - Alice Duer Miller

"The things taught in schools and colleges are not an education, but the means to an education." ~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

"A man who has never gone to school may steal from a freight car; but if he has a university education, he may steal the whole railroad." ~ Theodore Roosevelt

"The purpose of primary education is the development of your weak characteristics; the purpose of university education, the development of your strong." ~ Nevin Fenneman

"The new appears as a minority point of view, and hence is unpopular. The function of a university is to give it a sanctuary." ~ Martin H. Fischer

"It's not where you start... It's where you finish!" ~ G. Kazluskys, College Consultant

And one final thought...

"Minds are like parachutes, they only function when they are open."
-- Michael Murphy, HEHS College Consultant