Post-Secondary Education Scholarship

Illinois Council for Exceptional Children (ICEC)

This scholarship is $500 dollars to help you pay for college or career school costs. This application is due on April 7, 2025.

Before you fill out this application, please review the requirements to apply.

1. You live in Illinois.
2. You are a 12th-grade High School student.
3. You have an IEP or 504 plan.
   1. See number 4. Your teacher must verify this in their recommendation letter.
4. Your grade point average is 2.5 or higher. Ask your teacher or parent to help you check
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5. You have been accepted into a college or career school.
6. You have a teacher that will write you a recommendation letter.
7. You have a second person who will write you a recommendation letter.
   1. This person should be able to write about your accomplishments in high school. And your college or career school plans.

**If you meet the requirements**, please complete the application, which begins on page 2 of this document.

**If you do not meet the requirements**, consider applying for our School to Work Scholarship.

Post-Secondary Education Scholarship Application

**Directions:** You may type or write your application. This form also works with screen readers and speech-to-text. You can also use the Dictate tool in Microsoft Word (turn on Dictate in the Home Tab). If you need to complete this application by speaking your answers to a person, please email Sarah Ballard at [slballa@ilstu.edu](mailto:slballa@ilstu.edu) to schedule a time.

**Contact Information**

First and Last Name:

Home Street Address:

Home City and Zip Code:

Phone Number with Area Code:

Email:

**Education**

Name of High School:

High School Website:

Date of Graduation:

**Tell Us About Yourself**

Please tell us about your strengths as a student and why you want to go to college or career school:

**Clubs or Organizations**

Name of Club or Organization:

Dates You Participated:

How You Participated:

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**College or Trade School Goals**

Tell us how the school that you will go to next year will help you reach your goals:

**How Will You Use the Scholarship Money**

How will you use the $500 scholarship if awarded? This can be tuition, supplies, or travel costs.

**Other Documents to Submit with Your Scholarship Application**

1. One Letter of Recommendation from a Teacher.
   1. Remember to ask your teacher to verify that you have an IEP or 504 plan in the letter.
2. One Letter of Recommendation from someone else who can recommend you for the scholarship.
   1. Remember to ask someone who knows about your high school accomplishments.
   2. This person should also know about your College or Career School goals.
3. A copy of your high school transcript.
   1. If your social security number is on your high school transcript, please remove.

**How to Submit Your Completed Scholarship Application**

**Option 1:** Email to Sarah Ballard at [slballa@ilstu.edu](mailto:slballa@ilstu.edu)

**Option 2:** Mail your application to:

Sarah Ballard

Illinois State University 512 DeGarmo Hall

Campus Box 5910

Normal, IL 61790-5910

**Checklist for Items to Turn In**

1. Completed application.
2. Two letters of recommendation.
   1. 1 letter from a teacher who can also verify you have an IEP or 504 plan, and that your GPA is 2.5 or higher.
   2. 1 letter from someone who can talk about your accomplishments and work goals.
3. Email your scholarship application by April 7, 2025
4. If using standard mail to turn in your scholarship application, mail your application in no later than April 1, 2025.

Please report any accessibility concerns with this application to Dr. Sarah Ballard at [slballa@ilstu.edu](mailto:slballa@ilstu.edu)