School to Work Scholarship

Illinois Council for Exceptional Children (ICEC)

This scholarship is $500 to help you pay costs for work after high school. 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 6. 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
	1. See number 6. Your teacher must verify this in their recommendation letter.
5. You need money for a job or to help you get a job (for example, clothing, supplies, training costs)
6. You have a teacher at your school 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 someone who can write about your work and service accomplishments in high school.

**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 Post-Secondary Education Scholarship.

School to Work 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 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 accomplishments as a high school student and your goals for work after you graduate high school.

**Work or Volunteer Experiences**

Name of Employer or Volunteer Organization:

Dates You Worked or Volunteered:

Your Title or Role:

Describe Your Responsibilities:

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**Clubs or Organizations**

Name of Club or Organization:

Dates You Participated:

How You Participated:

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**How Will You Use the Scholarship Money**

If you are selected for the scholarship, you will receive $500. Please tell us how you will use this money for work.

Dollar Amount:

How I will use the money:

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**How Will You Use the Scholarship Money, Continued from Previous Page**

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**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, and a GPA of 2.5 or higher 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 work goals.

**How to Submit Your Completed Scholarship Application**

**Option 1:** Email to Sarah Ballard at 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 12, 2024
4. If using standard mail to turn in your scholarship application, mail your application in no later than April 8, 2024.

Please report any accessibility concerns with this application to Dr. Sarah Ballard at slballa@ilstu.edu