



All About Scholarships

Finding Ways to Pay for
College



COLLEGE CHANGES EVERYTHING

“Making college accessible and affordable for Illinois students.”

- Mission Statement

The Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) is the college access and financial aid agency in the state of Illinois that administers scholarship, grant, prepaid tuition, and student loan repayment/forgiveness programs.

Illinois Student Assistance Corps

- Approximately 80 Corps members from diverse backgrounds
- Every community in Illinois
- Changing the conversation about higher education

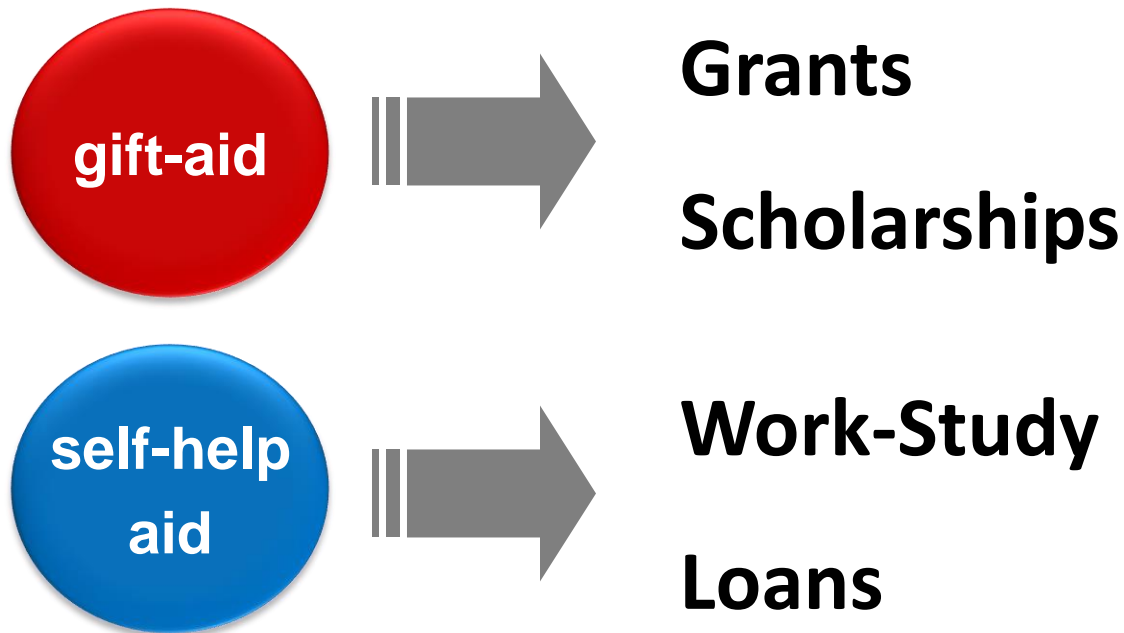


Overview

- The difference between scholarships and grants
- Scholarship sources
- What elements are included in an application
- How to search for and apply for scholarships

Types of Financial Aid

There are many types of financial aid.



These funds may be merit-based, need-based, or non need-based.

The 411 on Scholarships

- Financial aid applied to expenses associated with attending school (i.e., books and supplies, tuition and fees, miscellaneous living expenses)
- Be sure to follow up with your scholarship organization for concrete rules and details.

Scholarship Sources

Institutional
(Colleges and Universities)



Universities/colleges offer various scholarships that come from the institution itself and from academic departments within the schools

Other Organizations



Local, state, or national
Local – Palumbo Family Foundation
State – Minority Teachers of Illinois
National – Coca-Cola

Why are Scholarships Important?

2015-16 Average Annual Tuition and Fees

- Public 2 year (in district) \$3,347
- Public 4 year (in state) \$9,139
- Public 4 year (out of state) \$22,958
- Private \$31,231

For a specific Illinois school: <http://www.isac.org/students/during-college/paying-for-college/college-costs.html>

Over \$1.5 billion award in MAP & PELL alone!!!

Source: <http://www.isac.org/students/during-college/paying-for-college/college-costs.html>.

Framing the Value of Scholarships

- Your time can be worth some BIG money:

*Spend four hours on \$1,000 scholarship application
4 hours of work = \$250 per hour*

- Apply for as many as you can
 - You might be exactly what they are looking for!
 - You might be the only applicant!

Application Elements May Include.....

- General information
 - Demographics
 - Extra-curricular activities; level of involvement
 - Area of intended study
 - Financial need
 - Letters of recommendation
- Academic record (ex: GPA, transcripts)
- Essays/Personal statements
- Additional elements (ex: interviews, auditions, portfolios)

As You Search for Scholarships, Remember...

- Start early
- Apply to as many as possible
- Keep track of deadlines
- Proofread!!
- Submit all required documents
- No amount is too small – this is FREE money!

Finding Scholarships

- College web sites and Financial Aid Offices
- High school web site and school counselor
- Community centers and churches
- Employer (parent's and student's)
- Search engines
 - collegelight.com/ISAC
 - fastweb.com
 - scholarships.com
 - petersons.com/finaid
 - collegescholarships.org
 - studentportal.isac.org
 - studentaid.gov (Types of Aid)

Things to Remember

- If you haven't filed out your FAFSA yet, please do so as soon as possible, some scholarships requires it to be filled out.
- Stay organized and on top of deadlines
- The bulk of scholarships are just coming out, don't stress!
- Local, Institutional, National-consider it all! No matter the amount.
- Stay connected
 - Check in with your school counselor, Naviance to stay updated on scholarships

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LOCAL

SCHOLARSHIPS

Ruth Rich Pester \$500 Scholarship



Eligibility:

1. Top 50% of the class
2. Has attended Grayslake CENTRAL for a minimum of 3 years
3. Involved in extra-curricular activities

Application Deadline: April 2, 2018

Application available at Marston Family Center or at www.McCainJrHigh.org/Grades/9-12

Lion Ruth Patterson \$2,000 Scholarship



Eligibility:

For students with vision or hearing impairment.


OR

Students who plan to pursue a teaching degree, specifically one in education with an emphasis on teaching/vocational preparation.

Application Deadline: February 15, 2018

Application available at Marston Family Center or at www.McCainJrHigh.org/Grades/9-12

COMMUNITY SERVICE \$500



Russell & Shirley Christian Community Service Scholarship

Eligibility:

1. Evidence of Strong Community

Application Deadline: March 16, 2018

Application available at Marston Family Center or at www.McCainJrHigh.org/Grades/9-12

Grayslake area Chamber of Commerce & Industry \$2,000 Scholarships



Selection Criteria:

1. Financial Need (20%)
2. Achievement (20%)
3. School Involvement (20%)
4. Volunteer Service (20%)

Application Deadline: March 16, 2018

Application available at Marston Family Center or at www.McCainJrHigh.org/Grades/9-12

\$2,000 Drew Chapin Memorial Scholarship for Change



Application Deadline: March 15, 2018

Application available at Marston Family Center or at www.McCainJrHigh.org/Grades/9-12

EXCHANGE CLUB OF GRAYSLAKE \$1,000 Scholarships



Selection Criteria:

1. Superior Academic Record
2. Demonstrated Leadership
3. Involved in School & Community
3. Volunteerism

Application Deadline: March 15, 2018

Application available at Marston Family Center or at www.McCainJrHigh.org/Grades/9-12

These 12 Scholarships, exclusive to Lake County students, = \$17,900 in FREE MONEY

David G Percorin \$2,500 Scholarship




Eligibility:

1. Senior Varsity Softball & Baseball players
2. Demonstrate leadership in athletics & community activities
3. Minimum 3.0 GPA

Application Deadline: April 2, 2018

Application available at Marston Family Center or at www.McCainJrHigh.org/Grades/9-12

Round Lake Area \$1,000 Scholarship




Eligibility:

1. Must live in Round Lake, Round Lake Park, Round Lake Beach, Round Lake Heights or Homewood.
2. Must attend college as a full-time student in the fall of 2018.

Application Deadline: February 15, 2018

Application available at Marston Family Center or at www.McCainJrHigh.org/Grades/9-12

Grayslake Youth Foundation \$1,000 Scholarship



Eligibility:

2. Minimum GPA of 3.0
3. 50 hours/verifiable volunteer hours
4. Must be willing to volunteer for 10 hours of service time in a community of your choice

Serving Lake County women and children in need

Application Deadline: February 1, 2018

Application available at Marston Family Center or at www.McCainJrHigh.org/Grades/9-12

The Dorothea Jane Collins \$1,000 Scholarship




Eligibility:

1. Minimum 3.0 GPA
2. Public service record
3. Extracurricular activities
4. Financial need

Application Deadline: March 9, 2018

Application available at Marston Family Center or at www.McCainJrHigh.org/Grades/9-12

Carrie-Ann Krewer \$1,000 Scholarship




Eligibility:

3. Possess above average attributes of character such as: determination, leadership, good values and kindness
4. Most importantly, the applicant must have the unique ability to go beyond what is expected.

Application Deadline: February 23, 2018

Application available at Marston Family Center or at www.McCainJrHigh.org/Grades/9-12

ADAR \$1,000 Scholarship



Eligibility:

1. Minimum 2.5 GPA
2. Attending college in Illinois
3. Financial need

Application Deadline: February 1, 2018

Application available at Marston Family Center or at www.McCainJrHigh.org/Grades/9-12

ROUND LAKE AREA EXCHANGE CLUB
Up to \$10,000

CONSUMERS CREDIT UNION
\$2,000

PARAMOUNT TALL CLUB OF CHICAGO
SCHOLARSHIP
\$750

**VEGETARIAN
RESOURCE
GROUP**
Up to \$10,000

AMERICAN LEGION SCHOLARSHIP AWARD
\$1,000

FRIENDS OF THE VOLO BOG SCHOLARSHIP
\$1,000

SAI ENGINEERING SCHOLARSHIP
\$4,000

**ALICIA HERNANDEZ
SCHOLARSHIP**
\$1,500

**WOMEN INTERESTED IN
GOVERNMENT**
\$500

CRC OF CHICAGO
\$1,000

ILLINOIS AMVETS
\$1,000

ILLINOIS PTA SCHOLARSHIP
\$3,000

AND THERE ARE DOZENS MORE

GLENN WATT LEGACY AWARD
\$250

MH12 LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP
\$1,500

WINGS
\$500

JOE HUTTEN SCHOLARSHIP
\$1,000

**GRAYSLAKE AREA EXCHANGE CLUB
A.C.E. AWARD**
\$2,500

**WOODLAND
PTA
SCHOLARSHIP**
\$1,200

**ROCK CHEVY
SCHOLARSHIP**
\$500

US BANK
\$500

**ILLINOIS STATE
SCHOLARSHIP**
\$1,000

**STATE BANK OF THE LAKES
SCHOLARSHIP**
\$2,000

**GRAYSLAKE ROTARY CLUB
SCHOLARSHIPS**
\$1,000 and \$1,500

**IACAC
SCHOLARSHIP**
\$1,000

**DR. CHARLOTTE NEILSEN'S
VISION CARE ASSOCIATES
SCHOLARSHIP**
\$500

WHERE ARE THEY?

pages

- [questions to ask](#)
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- [transcript request](#)
- [letters of rec steps](#)
- [naviance how-to](#)

SCHOLARSHIPS and COLLEGE VISITS (info & links)

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SCHOLARSHIPS

All scholarship opportunities may be found exclusively on Naviance's Family Connection. With new scholarships added to the list almost daily, it's important that students are given the most up-to-date information and this can only be made possible by utilizing this comprehensive electronic resource.

All scholarship opportunities will be listed in Naviance. Unless otherwise indicated, applications may be downloaded from Naviance or picked-up from Mrs. Mercure in the College Career Center. To see a list of all scholarships currently available, please click here connection.naviance.com/family-connection/colleges/scholarship

links

- [college express](#)
- [scholarships.com](#)
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- [act writing test](#)
- [10 best scholarships](#)
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Registration for all College Visits at GCHS should be done through Family Connection. The list of Visiting Colleges may be found here: <https://connection.naviance.com/family-connection/colleges/visit>

Simply click on "Sign up" to register to attend.

Print a [college visit pass](#). Please check-in with that hour's teacher before *promptly* heading to the College Career Center to meet with an admissions representative. College visits always begin at the beginning of the class period. If a visit occurs during your lunch or study hall period, a printed pass is not required (please still register via Naviance).

NAVIANCE FAMILY CONNECTION

QUESTIONS?

**SEE YOUR COUNSELOR
OR MS. MERCURE IN THE
COLLEGE CAREER CENTER**