John Gomez, Lake View Urban Ventures Scholar

Jessica Schrantz, Northside College Prep Perfect ACT Score Scholar

Rocio Meza, Social Justice Gates Millennium, Posse & Wentcher Scholar

Riley Jones, Brooks College Prep City Treasurer’s Scholar & McKinsey Diverse Young Leaders Scholar
CPS High School Scholarship Champions:

Rocio Meza, Social Justice, Class of 2013, Cornell University, Class of 2017

Rocio was the recipient of three prestigious scholarships: Gates Millennium, Posse, and the Ernest Wentcher Foundation Scholarship. Rocio is proud activist whose efforts helped to bring back her teachers, her principal, and restored AP classes at her high school.

Rocio's advice to would-be scholars: “Really know yourself well enough: your dreams, your aspirations and your skills. That way when you have to write about yourself in personal statements and in scholarship essays you can easily articulate what sets you apart from everyone else. Expect real dedication and hard work because applying for scholarships is a long process. With that being said, don’t procrastinate.”

Riley Jones, Gwendolyn Brooks, Class of 2013, Columbia University, Class of 2017

Riley's impressive list of awards includes two CPS strategic scholarships: City Treasurers Black History Essay Competition and the McKinsey Diverse Young Leaders Scholarship. Others scholarships include Phi Beta Kappa and Jackie Robinson. His mother and counselor proved most helpful in his scholarship search. Together, he and his mom printed off the CPS College Scholarship Guide and put it in a binder that he checked often. With an exceptionally high ACT score and GPA, Riley was a standout student.

Riley's advice to would-be scholars: “I would say three things: (1.) Never wait to start on your application. Too many things happen in between. (2.) Don’t let disappointments in one scholarship lead to you not applying for more. Every scholarship is different. The only way you don’t have a chance for sure is if you don’t apply. (3.) Write well!”

Shshank Karn, Senn High School, Class of 2013, Middlebury College, Class of 2017

Shshank was the recipient of two CPS strategic scholarships: the Posse Scholarship and the Ernest Wentcher Foundation Scholarship. He maintained a high unweighted GPA and served as both Local School Council Representative and President of The National Honors Society. He had the opportunity to participate in spreading awareness about the United Nation’s Millennium Development Goals in his community. This has helped him obtain a global perspective.

Shshank’s advice to would-be scholars: “Rejection from scholarship organizations and colleges doesn’t necessarily mean that one is not capable of anything, but it means that there is room for one to grow. Also, frequent visits to career coaches and counselors do not hurt.”

Haaris Pervez, Northside College Prep, Class of 2013, Northwestern University, Class of 2017

Haaris was the recipient of two CPS strategic scholarships – the Dolores Saxton-Walker Scholarship and the Ernest Wentcher Foundation Scholarship. In addition, he was awarded the Coca-Cola Scholarship. Despite all this, Project ARC is Haaris’ proudest achievement to date. Project ARC is a student-run nonprofit organization engaging youth to help third world countries. With Haaris as Executive Director, over the last four years, Project ARC has raised $35,000 in monetary and commodity donations while mobilizing over 40 volunteers.

Haaris’ advice to would-be scholars: “I would advise all high school students to challenge themselves with not only their academics, but also their extracurriculars. Find something you love and see it through.”
Dear students, parents, guardians and school-based staff:

The School Counseling and Postsecondary Advising Department of CPS’ Office of College and Career Success is pleased to provide you with the 2013-2014 CPS Scholarship Guide. The goal of this guide is to provide a resource that can help CPS students successfully plan for financing their college/post-secondary programs.

The Facts:

CPS is the nation’s third largest urban school district with over 400,000 students, 87% of them coming from low-income families. According to a report released last October by the College Board, the average overall cost of attendance at an in-state 4-year university was approximately $22,261 (for students who did not receive financial aid).

College Enrollment for CPS Students:

The district’s college enrollment rate is currently 56.5%. In order to optimize this percentage, it is imperative that we ensure all college-bound CPS students have a comprehensive college and career plan that includes a solid financial plan to cover the cost of college attendance.

The Playing Field:

According to a study released by the Pew Foundation on September 26, 2012, *A Record One-In-Five Households Now Owe Student Loan Debt*, forty-four percent (44%) of households headed by someone 35 years old and under had student loan debt in 2010.

In order to level the playing field, it is critical that you carefully research your college options, apply early, and visit each campus prior to making a final decision. Review the college’s graduation rates, cost of attendance and student loan default rates by using the U.S. Department of Education’s College Scorecard website: http://www.collegecost.ed.gov/scorecard/index.aspx

The Importance of Scholarships:

Last year, $400 million dollars in scholarships were offered to CPS graduates. Many of those students would not have been able to attend college without those scholarships. In order for students to cover the cost of college attendance without over-reliance on student loans, we encourage them to use this guide to identify scholarships and create a plan for success.

- This guide does not contain an exclusive listing of available scholarships. We strongly encourage you to develop a scholarship profile on What’s Next Illinois and search for scholarships. Other resources include scholarship books at the library, working with your counselors, teachers, and college and career coaches at your school to help you find a scholarship that matches your profile.

- Many colleges and universities provide their own scholarships. Be sure to visit their websites and enter the word “scholarships” in the search box. You should be able to find out about the merit, need, talent and programmatic scholarships that are available to incoming freshmen.

We wish you the best in your college and scholarship searches. Included in this guide is the CPS 12th Grade Individual Learning Plan (ILP) which provides you with a detailed college success plan. Please use it to map out your college plan. Send an e-mail to collegescholarships@cps.edu to let us know the helpfulness of both the guide and the ILP.

Sincerely,

Barbara Karpouzian, Marcia Boyd,
Director, School Counseling & Postsecondary Advising Project Manager (Scholarships & WNI)
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**Noah Smith, University of Chicago Charter School, 2013 Carson Fund Scholarship Winner, 5th grade**

Advice from Noah: “In order to succeed in life, people should focus on doing the very best they can!”

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<td>Prize: Kindle Fires, iPads, U.S. Savings Bonds</td>
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<td><a href="http://www.chooseyourfuture.com/scholarships/strategic">www.chooseyourfuture.com/scholarships/strategic</a></td>
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<td><strong>Jack Kent Cooke Young Scholars Program</strong></td>
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<td>Free summer program</td>
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<td><a href="http://www.jkcf.org/scholarships/young-scholars-program/">http://www.jkcf.org/scholarships/young-scholars-program/</a></td>
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<td><strong>Money Smart Kid Essay Contest</strong></td>
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<td><strong>IIT Computer Discovery Camp</strong>*</td>
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<td><strong>The Saturday Enrichment Program (SEP)</strong>*</td>
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* A limited number of need-based scholarships are available to cover program cost
Scholarship Tips
For Students, Parents and Guardians

Get Organized and Ready to Work

- Finding and applying for scholarships is labor intensive; you must be methodical and highly organized. Your search will feel like adding a sport, club or part time job to your schedule. Make the time. Schedule 2-3 hours of each week to research and to write.
- You need a box of manila folders and a small file box to deal with all of the paperwork. Make a file folder for each scholarship and organize by deadline.

Beware of Scams

- Legitimate scholarship providers do not charge application fees and do not charge you a fee to “pick up” your scholarship.
- NEVER respond to emails requesting your social security number.
- Do NOT pay any person or company to research scholarships for you.
- After you apply to college, ask the Financial Aid Director about institutional scholarships.
- When in doubt talk to a counselor or teacher.

Research

- Use online search tools and sign up for free email alerts.
- Find out if your parents or guardians' employers offer scholarships.
- Check with local businesses in your neighborhood, local alumni clubs of college offer scholarships.
- Find the scholarships for which you are eligible.

Renewable/Non renewable

- Know if the scholarship is renewable. If so, you may have to meet certain criteria and complete a process for renewing the scholarship each year. Find out the requirements and keep any paperwork related to them for your records.

Master Schedule

- Maintain a scholarship calendar or assignment notebook.

Essays

- Nearly every scholarship application requires essays. Allow plenty of time for drafts and ask your English teacher or another teacher or mentor to give you feedback. Answer the question and allow for at least three drafts.
- Write online applications in Word. Copy and paste online essays after proofing.

Recommendations

- Find out if counselors or teachers have a process or forms you must complete or request system for requesting recommendations.
- Provide your recommender with a stamped addressed envelope.
- Send a thank you note to your recommender.

Scholarship Deadlines

- Verify the deadline with the scholarship provider. Missing a deadline is the easiest way to disqualify your application and all of your hard work will be for nothing.
- Verify if deadline is a due date or a postmark date.

Tracking

- Mail your scholarship applications and follow up.
  - Call or email to confirm your application was received and when winner(s) will be notified.
  - Pay for Certified Mail/Return Receipt Requested at the Post Office for a Delivery Confirmation which provides the date and time your documents are received or a Signature Confirmation on which provides the date, time and the signature of the person who received it.
- Make copies of every application you submit.
Web Resources for College and Career Planning

College Admission Types:

Standardized Tests: ACT and SAT:
http://www.actstudent.org/faq/what.html
http://sat.collegeboard.com/why-sat

Grade Point Average Calculator:
http://www.back2college.com/gpa.htm

College Search:
www.choosethefuture.org/choosing-a-college
www.whatsnextillinois.org
www.cappex.com
www.collegeboard.com
https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/get-in/applying

Estimate the Cost Of Attendance (U.S. Department of Education’s Net Price Calculator):

U.S. Department of Education’s College Scorecard*:
*This is one of the best tools to help you estimate the cost of attendance and obtain graduation rates!

FAFSA Forecaster (estimate the amount of federal student aid you’re eligible to receive):
https://fafsa.ed.gov/FAFSA/app/f4cForm?execution=e1s1
Federal Application For Free Student Aid (FAFSA) (Seniors should file on January 1st or soon after!): www.fafsa.ed.gov

Scholarships:
www.choosethefuture.org/scholarships (Scholarship information for Chicago Public Schools students)
www.fastweb.com (Scholarships listed on the U.S. Department of Education’s Scholarship Site)
www.illinoisdreamfund.org/ (Illinois Dream Fund Scholarship For Undocumented Students)
www.cappex.com


Money Management:
Junior Achievement: http://studentcenter.ja.org/Money/Pages/default.aspx
My Money Management: http://www.mymoneymanagement.net/
Pew Foundation Report on student loans:

Career Search Websites:
Junior Achievement: http://studentcenter.ja.org
Entrepreneurship: http://studentcenter.ja.org/Business/Pages/default.aspx

Resume Builders:
https://secure.whatsnextillinois.org/Career_Planning/Get_a_Job/Resume_Builder/Resume_Builder.aspx
# Chicago Public Schools Strategic Scholarships

The scholarships below are either targeted for CPS, Chicago, or Illinois students. They may also be monitored by the CPS Scholarship Coordinator and/or our School Counseling Specialists. **Note:** Not all scholarships in pages 9-10 are detailed in this guide.

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<td>Quest Bridge National Match Program</td>
<td>September</td>
<td>Varies-Full tuition and room and board</td>
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<td>Dolores Saxton-Walker Scholarship</td>
<td>October</td>
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<td>CPS Siemens HBCU Scholarship Program</td>
<td>November</td>
<td>Partial tuition to full tuition and room and board</td>
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<td>Charles Scholarship at Davidson University</td>
<td>December</td>
<td>Full cost of attendance</td>
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<td>Comcast Leaders and Achievers</td>
<td>December</td>
<td>$1,000</td>
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<td>Golden Apple Scholars</td>
<td>December</td>
<td>Full tuition assistance plus summer stipend</td>
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<td>Greenhouse Scholars</td>
<td>December</td>
<td>$5,000</td>
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<td>World Sport Chicago Scholarship</td>
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<td>$5,000</td>
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<td>Carson Fund Scholarship</td>
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<td>$1,000 (Elementary and high school students grades 4-11)</td>
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<td>Chez Family Scholarship (UIUC)</td>
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<td>Chicago Scholars</td>
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<td>IIT Boeing Scholars Academy</td>
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<td>IIT Collins Scholars</td>
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<td>Varies up to $40,000</td>
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<td>Diamond Dove Achievement Award</td>
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<td>$500 - $1,000</td>
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<td>Gates Millennium Scholarship</td>
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<td>Full tuition, room and board, and personal expenses</td>
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<td>University of Illinois at Chicago PAP Award</td>
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<td>$5,000 a year for 4 years (8 semesters)</td>
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<td>Tuskegee Airmen Scholarship</td>
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<td>Chicago Summer Business Institute</td>
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<td>Paid summer internship</td>
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<td>George Pullman Foundation Scholarship</td>
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<td>$200 to $4,000</td>
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<td>Illinois Dream Fund</td>
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<td>Up to $2,000 (2 year colleges) Up to $6,000 (4-year colleges)</td>
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<td>One Million Degrees Scholarship</td>
<td>February</td>
<td>Last dollar tuition assistance plus a $750 need-based stipend</td>
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<td>University of Chicago Collegiate Scholars Program</td>
<td>February</td>
<td>College-prep exposure</td>
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<td>CME Mayoral Award for Students</td>
<td>March</td>
<td>$1,000</td>
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<td>Chicago Public Schools UNCF Scholarship</td>
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<td>Up to $10,000 based on need</td>
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<td>City Treasurers Black History Month Essay</td>
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<td>AKA Imani Pearls Scholarship</td>
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<td>Education for Excellence Scholarship</td>
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<td>Ernest Wentcher Educational Scholarship</td>
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<td>$7,500 per year</td>
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<td>Gread “Lefty” McKinnis Scholarship</td>
<td>March</td>
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<td>National Hook-Up of Black Women</td>
<td>March</td>
<td>Two scholarships: $1,000 and $500</td>
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<td>Phi Beta Kappa Chicagoland Area</td>
<td>March</td>
<td>$5,000</td>
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<td>Chicago Alumnae Chapter Delta Sigma Theta</td>
<td>April</td>
<td>Up to $4,000</td>
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<td>Chicago Engineers Foundation</td>
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<td>$800 per year</td>
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<td>CPS UNCF</td>
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<td>Dora Gerlach Memorial Scholarship Fund</td>
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<td>Edward G. Irvin Scholarship</td>
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<td>Illinois Education Foundation Scholarship (OMD)</td>
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<td>Society of Women Engineers Scholarship</td>
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<td>Doty E. Nash Scholarship</td>
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<td>William J. Cook Fund Scholarship</td>
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<td>Chicago Coalition for the Homeless Scholarship</td>
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<td>Varies</td>
<td>May range from $1,000 to $12,300</td>
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Scholarship Opportunities for DREAMers*

The majority of the listed scholarships are open to all U.S. citizens, however a few are exclusively for DREAMers.

*A DREAMer is defined as a non-U.S. citizen or permanent resident high school student who qualifies for in-state college tuition under the Illinois’ HB-60 State Legislation and who will benefit from the Illinois DREAM Act, a provision that supports children of immigrants in Illinois signed by Governor Pat Quinn in 2011.

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<td>Que Llueva Café Scholarship for Undocumented Students</td>
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<td><a href="http://www.ca-core.org/">http://www.ca-core.org/</a></td>
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<td>Dr. Juan Andrade Scholarship for Young Hispanic Leaders</td>
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<td><a href="http://www.ushli.org/student/scholarship.php">www.ushli.org/student/scholarship.php</a></td>
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<td>Charles Scholarship</td>
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<td>100 BMA: Future Leader Scholarship</td>
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<td><a href="http://100bmc.org/">http://100bmc.org/</a></td>
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<td>Chicago (DODO) Chapter of Tuskegee Airmen, Inc.</td>
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<td><a href="http://www.taichicago.org">http://www.taichicago.org</a></td>
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<td>LeTendre Education Fund Scholarship</td>
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<td><a href="http://www.naehcy.org/letendre_app.html">http://www.naehcy.org/letendre_app.html</a></td>
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<td>National Peace Essay Contest</td>
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<td><a href="http://www.usip.org/npec">www.usip.org/npec</a></td>
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<td>Northeastern Illinois University Presidential Scholarship</td>
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<td>Chicago Urban League Scholarship</td>
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<td>The Colonel Henry Crown Scholarship Fund</td>
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<td><a href="http://www.jachicago.org/upload/Files%20Fiscal%202013%20Descriptions.doc">www.jachicago.org/upload/Files%20Fiscal%202013%20Descriptions.doc</a></td>
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<td>Education for Excellence Scholarship</td>
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<td><a href="http://www.educate4excel.org/apply/apply.html">http://www.educate4excel.org/apply/apply.html</a></td>
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<td>Foster Care to Success</td>
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<td><a href="http://www.fc2success.org/our-programs/information-for-students/">www.fc2success.org/our-programs/information-for-students/</a></td>
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<td>Harrison Fellowship (National Lewis University)</td>
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<td><a href="http://www.nl.edu/harrisonfellows/">http://www.nl.edu/harrisonfellows/</a></td>
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<td>Humboldt Park Vocational Education Center Scholarship</td>
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<td>Josefin A. Ovalle Scholarship</td>
<td>March</td>
<td><a href="http://www.jaofoundation.org/">http://www.jaofoundation.org/</a></td>
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<td>QuestBridge College Prep Scholarship</td>
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<td><a href="http://www.questbridge.org">www.questbridge.org</a></td>
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<td>Chicago Dia de Los Niños (CDDLN)</td>
<td>April</td>
<td><a href="http://www.chicagodiadelosninos.com/">http://www.chicagodiadelosninos.com/</a></td>
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<td>Mary H. Johnson Book Scholarship at Malcolm X College</td>
<td>April</td>
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<td>IPLACE Educational Foundation Scholarship</td>
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<td><a href="http://www.iplac.org/">http://www.iplac.org/</a></td>
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<td>Junior Achievement of Chicago Scholarship</td>
<td>May</td>
<td><a href="http://www.jachicago.org/">http://www.jachicago.org/</a></td>
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<td>Korean Resource Center: Dream Scholarship Fund</td>
<td>May</td>
<td><a href="http://nakasec.org/blog/2859">http://nakasec.org/blog/2859</a></td>
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<td>La Casa Student Housing Scholarship</td>
<td>May</td>
<td><a href="http://www.lacastudenthousing.org">www.lacastudenthousing.org</a></td>
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<td>Abbott and Fenner Scholarship</td>
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<td><a href="http://www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.htm">http://www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.htm</a></td>
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<td>Car Outlet Community Scholarship</td>
<td>June</td>
<td><a href="http://caroutletscholarship.com/">http://caroutletscholarship.com/</a></td>
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<td>CPS Dream Fund Scholarship</td>
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<td><a href="http://www.chooseyourfuture.org/scholarships/strategic">www.chooseyourfuture.org/scholarships/strategic</a></td>
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<td>Edward and Shirley Calahan Scholarship Fund</td>
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<td><a href="http://www.calahanscholarship.org">www.calahanscholarship.org</a></td>
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<td>Latinos Progresando Dr. Angela Perez Miller Scholarship</td>
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<td><a href="http://latinospro.org/">http://latinospro.org/</a></td>
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<td>Olive-Harvey College Scholarship Fund</td>
<td>June</td>
<td><a href="http://webapps.ccc.edu/fund/actionView.jsp?fundid=159">http://webapps.ccc.edu/fund/actionView.jsp?fundid=159</a></td>
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<td>Guadalupe A. Reyes Fiesta Del Sol Scholarship</td>
<td>July</td>
<td><a href="http://fiestadelsol.org/scholarship/">http://fiestadelsol.org/scholarship/</a></td>
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<td>Harold Washington College Scholarship Fund</td>
<td>Rolling</td>
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<td>High School Senior Scholarship</td>
<td>Rolling</td>
<td><a href="http://www.cicil.net/highschoolscholarshipapplication.aspx">http://www.cicil.net/highschoolscholarshipapplication.aspx</a></td>
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Educational Resources for Students with Diverse Learning Needs

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<th>Scholarship Name + Website</th>
<th>Award Amount</th>
<th>Deadline</th>
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<tr>
<td>Robert Dole Scholarship for Disabled Students*</td>
<td>$3,500</td>
<td>November 30th</td>
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<td><a href="http://www.uncf.org">www.uncf.org</a></td>
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<td>The Anne Ford Scholarship</td>
<td>$2,500/year over four years</td>
<td>December 31st</td>
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<td><a href="http://www.ncld.org/about-us/">www.ncld.org/about-us/</a></td>
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<td>Shire ADHD Scholarship Program</td>
<td>$2,000 monetary award and a prepaid year of ADHD coaching</td>
<td>January 31st</td>
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<td><a href="http://www.shireadhdscholarship.com">www.shireadhdscholarship.com</a></td>
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<td>Smart Kids with Learning Disabilities Youth Achievement Award</td>
<td>$1,000</td>
<td>January 31st</td>
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<td><a href="http://www.smartkidswithld.org/award">www.smartkidswithld.org/award</a></td>
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<td>Anne &amp; Matt Harbison Scholarship</td>
<td>$1,500</td>
<td>March 31st</td>
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<td><a href="http://www.MossFoundation.org">www.MossFoundation.org</a></td>
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<td>P. Buckley Moss Endowed Scholarship</td>
<td>$1,500+</td>
<td>March 31st</td>
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<td><a href="http://www.MossFoundation.org">www.MossFoundation.org</a></td>
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<td>Through the Looking Glass Scholarship</td>
<td>$1,000</td>
<td>mid-March</td>
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<td><a href="http://www.lookingglass.org/services/">www.lookingglass.org/services/</a></td>
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<td>Americorps</td>
<td>Education award varies depending on amount of hours served</td>
<td>Varies</td>
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* Must be a current college student (graduating high school seniors ineligible)

College Funding Sources: Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Plan for Achieving Self Support (PASS)

SSI is a program that pays monthly benefits to people with low incomes and limited assets who are sixty-five years of age or older, are blind, or have other disabilities. Children can qualify if they meet Social Security’s definition of disability for SSI children and if their income and assets fall within the eligibility limits.

The Social Security Administration may also approve a Plan for Achieving Self Support (PASS), in which a student is able to set aside income and resources that are being used toward a specific vocational goal (such as college tuition) and still receive SSI payments. However, be aware that earnings from employment may affect SSI benefits.

For more information on SSI and PASS, contact your local Social Security Administration office or consult www.ssa.gov/disability/.

Midwest College Programs for Students with Learning Disabilities

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<th>Program Name</th>
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<td>Harper College: Career Skills Institute</td>
<td><a href="http://goforward.harpercollege.edu/ce/enrichment/specialneeds.php#">http://goforward.harpercollege.edu/ce/enrichment/specialneeds.php#</a></td>
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<td>Elmhurst College: ELSA</td>
<td><a href="http://public.elmhurst.edu/elsa">http://public.elmhurst.edu/elsa</a></td>
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<td>National Louis P.A.C.E</td>
<td><a href="http://www.nl.edu/t4/pace/">http://www.nl.edu/t4/pace/</a></td>
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<tr>
<td>University of Iowa R.E.A.C.H</td>
<td><a href="http://www2.education.uiowa.edu/services/reach/">http://www2.education.uiowa.edu/services/reach/</a></td>
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<tr>
<td>Indiana University, Bloomington: College Internship Program (CIP)</td>
<td><a href="http://www.cipworldwide.org/cip-bloomington/bloomington-overview/">http://www.cipworldwide.org/cip-bloomington/bloomington-overview/</a></td>
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What’s Next Illinois is a web-based high school, college and career planning tool that CPS sixth-through twelfth grade students can use to create successful plans for life.

CAREER PLANNING
- Search for careers based on criteria such as education level required, annual salary, level of education required.
- Resume Builder helps you create winning resumes
- Cover Letter & Thank You Letter Builders help you create professional documents.
- Career Planning also includes interviewing tips, and many other job search aids.

FINANCIAL AID PLANNING
- Search for scholarships (over 5,000)
- Learn about financial aid—grants, loans, work study and more!
- Utilize EFC, college savings and student loan calculators to learn how to finance your college education!

HIGH SCHOOL PLANNING
- Use the High School Planning Timeline to make sure you are on track for graduation from elementary and high school.
- The High School Planning Timeline also provides information about free summer, college prep and career programs for CPS students!
- 6th, 7th & 8th graders can search for CPS high schools based on programs and admission requirements.

COLLEGE PLANNING
- School Finder allows searches of thousands of postsecondary options using the characteristics that are important to you
- Test Prep allows you to use free on-line ACT, SAT, PSAT and GRE test preparation software. If you are trying to get into a good college, you will be able to prepare for the test as early as 7th grade!
- Applications & Transcripts allows students to complete practice electronic college applications. Seniors can complete, send and track electronic college applications.

GET STARTED TODAY!
1. Go to: www.whatsnextillinois.org
2. Enter Account Name: cps & studentID# (ex. cps12345678)
3. Enter Password: cps & studentID# (ex. cps12345678)
4. Click "Sign In" then follow the steps to activate your account
### 12th Grade Individual Learning Plan (ILP)

The purpose of this ILP is to help students learn how to track, monitor and adjust their academic, career and social emotional goals in order to graduate from high school prepared for success in their chosen college and career.

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<th>Last Name:</th>
<th>First Name:</th>
<th>School Name:</th>
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<tr>
<th>ACT Composite:</th>
<th>English:</th>
<th>Math:</th>
<th>Reading:</th>
<th>Science:</th>
<th>GPA: Unweighted:</th>
<th>Weighted:</th>
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#### Top Three College ACT average scores (Freshman Profile)

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<th>College Name:</th>
<th>Average Freshman ACT Score:</th>
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#### Postsecondary Planning

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<th>Date you applied to your top three colleges</th>
<th>Date you completed the EFC Calculator</th>
<th>List three scholarships that you applied for</th>
<th>Delaying college to work?</th>
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<tr>
<td>College Name:</td>
<td>Month Day Year</td>
<td>Scholarship Name:</td>
<td>Yes, how long?</td>
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<td>Date Applied:</td>
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<td>Amount: $</td>
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<td>Complete EFC Calculator in What’s Next Illinois</td>
<td>Renewable? [ ] Yes [ ] No</td>
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<td>Won Scholarship? [ ] Yes [ ] No</td>
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<td>Won Scholarship? [ ] Yes [ ] No</td>
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#### 1st Semester Meeting Deadline: December 15th

ILP Meeting Date: [ ]
Student kept appointment? [ ] Yes [ ] No, Date rescheduled: [ ]
Student’s IEP Reviewed?: [ ] Yes [ ] No [ ] Not Applicable

Student Signature: [ ] Date:

Counselor/Teacher/Coach Signature: [ ] Date:

Parent/Guardian Signature: [ ] Date:
# Graduation Requirements:

## Credit Bearing Requirements
Students must earn a minimum of 24 credits as described below to earn a diploma from the Chicago Public Schools:

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<th>Subject</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Credits Earned 1st Semester</th>
<th>Grade Earned 1st Semester</th>
<th>Credits Earned 2nd Semester</th>
<th>Grade Earned 2nd Semester</th>
<th>Total Credits Required for Graduation</th>
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<td>English</td>
<td>English I, English II, English III, English IV.</td>
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<td>Mathematics</td>
<td>Algebra, Geometry, Advanced Algebra/Trigonometry. (Students successfully completing Algebra and/or Geometry prior to entering high school will follow an appropriate three-year math sequence.)</td>
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<td>Science</td>
<td>Biology and 2 years of Laboratory Science, which must include Chemistry, Earth and Space Science, Environmental Science, or Physics.</td>
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<td>Social Science</td>
<td>World Studies, United States History, and one other Social Science course.</td>
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<td>World Language</td>
<td>Two years of the same world language.</td>
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<td>Fine Arts</td>
<td>One year of Music and one year of Art or Drafting.</td>
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<td>Physical Education</td>
<td>One year of Physical Education I/Health or ROTC I/Health and Physical Education II/Drivers Education or ROTC II/Drivers Education in 9th and 10th grades.</td>
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<td>Career Education ROTC Advanced Academics</td>
<td>CTE programs, advanced academies, fine arts options or ROTC III, ROTC IV.</td>
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<td>Electives</td>
<td>Selection of an additional three courses not already listed above.</td>
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## Non-Credit Bearing Requirements

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<th>Requirements Met?</th>
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<td>Service Learning</td>
<td>Forty hours of approved Service-Learning activities including at least one classroom based project. Twenty hours must be completed by the end of tenth grade.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Consumer Education</td>
<td>Complete a course integrating consumer education curriculum.</td>
<td>Complete/Incomplete</td>
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<tr>
<td>Public Law 195</td>
<td>Demonstrate knowledge of U.S. and Illinois constitutions as part of subject area curricula and/or Constitution test.</td>
<td>Complete/Incomplete</td>
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<td>PSAE</td>
<td>Public Act 9385 requires students to take the Prairie State Achievement Exam (PSAE) as a condition for receiving a regular high school diploma.</td>
<td>Complete/Incomplete</td>
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<td>Remediation</td>
<td>In order to graduate from CPS, all students must meet the credit and non-credit bearing requirements. Students who don’t meet credit-bearing requirements must make them up in evening or summer school or through on-line classes.</td>
<td>Student met all grade-level requirements/Student did not meet all grade-level requirements</td>
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## Colleges Admission
(List colleges that you were admitted to)

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<th>College Name</th>
<th>Date Admitted</th>
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Date you applied for Financial aid (completed FAFSA):

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Did you include all colleges you applied to on the FAFSA?

- [ ] Yes
- [x] No

Were you selected for Verification?*

- [ ] Yes, Did you complete the process?
- [ ] Yes, No

*Verification means you have to verify your family’s income by providing documents that prove your family’s income. You will receive notification from U.S. Department of Education (FAFSA) on the college you are selected for the Verification process. You must immediately take care of this if you are selected.

Date you compared financial aid award letters of top three colleges:

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Financial Aid for College You Will Attend:

- [ ] Pell Grant
- [ ] Map Grant
- [ ] Stafford Loans
- [ ] Plus Loans
- [ ] Institutional Aid

Indicate which college you sent your enrollment deposit/application.

(Note: May 1st is National Decision Day)

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Do you have enough financial aid to cover the cost of attendance?

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

2nd Semester Meeting Deadline: June 1st

Student’s IEP Reviewed?:

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No
- [ ] Not Applicable

Student Signature: ____________________________

Date: ____________________________

Counselor/Teacher/Coach Signature: ____________________________

Date: ____________________________

Parent/Guardian Signature: ____________________________

Date: ____________________________
August

Scholarship Name: Chicago Police and Fire Training Academy Scholarship

Website: http://webapps.cccc.edu/fund/actionView.jsp?fundid=188

Scholarship Description: The Chicago Police and Fire Academy Training Scholarships are tuition and fee-based scholarships. Students whose tuition expense is met through the Pell Grant, Monetary Award Program (MAP) or other financial awards are not eligible to receive this scholarship. Students with remaining need after financial aid funds have been applied will have the difference of their applicable charges paid by the CPFTA Scholarship.

Scholarship Award Amount: Full Tuition and Fees During Period of Eligibility

Renewable: No

Scholarship Qualifications: Graduating from the Chicago Police and Firefighters Training Academy:
- Have Chicago residency
- Enroll in a degree granting program
- Submit a Federal Financial Aid Form
- Submit CPFTA Certificate of Completion

Required Documentation: Documentation validating awards, honors, and participation in student organizations, activities, etc.
- General Placement Test
- CPFTA Certificate of Completion
- Application
- FAFSA
- SAR (Student Aid Report)

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: August 1, 2013

Scholarship Name: Dr. King Scholarship Initiative

Website: icdhr.org  Application Information: http://www.icdhrscholarship.org/#!

Scholarship Description: The Illinois Commission on Diversity and Human Relations (ICDHR) and the University of Illinois are both committed to advancing academic scholarships for a growing number of diversified high school students; many who are academically qualified to enter college but lack the resources to do so.

Scholarship Award Amount: $5,000 - $10,000  Renewable: No

Scholarship Qualifications:
1. Apply to one of the University of Illinois campuses (www.illinois.edu, www.uic.edu, or www.uis.edu)
2. Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form at http://www.fafsa.ed.gov
3. Upon receipt of your letter of acceptance from a University of Illinois campus, submit the following materials to ICDHR:
   - A letter of acceptance from a University of Illinois campus
   - A copy of your Student Aid Report (SAR)
   - A written statement which includes the following:
     - The name of your high school (preference given to students from the Chicago Public School system)
     - An essay on why you want to attend either the University of Illinois at Champaign - Urbana, University of Illinois at Chicago or the University of Illinois at Springfield
     - An essay on why you should receive the scholarship

Required Documentation: Application with supplement materials. Please check the website for updated information.

Open to DREAMers: Yes

Scholarship Deadline: August 1, 2013
Scholarship Name: Oscar E. Shabat Wright College Scholarship Fund

Website: http://webapps.ccc.edu/fund/actionView.jsp?fundid=155

Application: ccc.edu/services/documents/scholarships/CityCollegesofChicagoScholarshipApplicationForm.pdf

Scholarship Description: The Oscar E. Shabat Wright College Scholarship Fund was established to honor Dr. Oscar E. Shabat, founding chancellor of the City Colleges of Chicago and former professor of Social Sciences at Wright College. The purpose of the fund is to provide financial assistance for deserving students based upon scholastic merit (exclusive of financial need) or based upon financial need. Scholarship monies are to be used to defray educational costs (tuition, fees, or books) while enrolled at Wilbur Wright College or Humboldt Park Vocational Education Center (HPVEC). In rare cases, scholarship funds may be used as matching funds (maximum $250 one-time scholarship) to pay a prior balance at Wright College or HPVEC.

Scholarship Award Amount: $250 to $1,000    Renewable: No

Scholarship Qualifications: Minimum 2.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale (2,690 points for GED graduates) and in good standing.
• High school or GED graduate.
• Must be a resident of the City of Chicago and eligible for in-district tuition rates.
• Enrolled in at least 3 credit hours per semester. Part-time students are eligible.
• Pursuing an associate degree or any vocational certificate program.

Required Documentation: FAFSA and SAR (student aid report)

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: August 1, 2013

Scholarship Name: Women in Public Finance

Website: http://www.wpfc.com/

Application: http://www.wpfc.com/?page_id=774

Scholarship Description: The purpose of the Women in Public Finance scholarship program is to: Recognize college-bound high school females who have exhibited scholastic achievement, preferably with a demonstrated aptitude in mathematics, and demonstrated leadership skills. Encourage the consideration of careers in finance and, more specifically, public finance. Provide an opportunity for award recipients to meet women established in the public finance area and expose young women to various career options.

Scholarship Award Amount: $1,000- $2,000    Renewable: No

Scholarship Qualifications: To qualify and apply for the Achievement Award and scholarship, the applicant must, at a minimum:
• Be a female, college-bound high school student entering her senior year in the fall of 2014
• Display an aptitude in math
• Have a 3.0 GPA
• Exhibit leadership skills through extracurricular activities, volunteer positions, and/or work experiences
• Have an interest in pursuing a career in finance, government, non-profits, or law

Required Documentation: Complete and submit the attached 2013 Achievement Award and scholarship application form including the required essays along with a photocopy of your most recent unofficial high school transcript via e-mail or mail so that the application is received no later than August 31, 2013 (confirm on website for precise deadline).

Open to DREAMers: Unknown

Scholarship Deadline: August 22, 2013
Scholarship Name: Chick Evans Caddie Scholarship

Website: http://www.wgaesf.org

Application: http://www.wgaesf.org/site/c.dwJTKiO0JgI8G/b.7512567/k.47CB/Evans_Scholarship_Application.htm

Scholarship Description: Each year, more than 840 caddies attend college on full tuition and housing grants from the Evans Scholars Foundation. Must have caddied for a minimum of two years at a Western Golf Association member club, rank in the top quarter of class, have an outstanding personal character, and demonstrate financial need. Candidates must apply to the Evans Scholars university(ies) listed for their state. Illinois residents are expected to apply to a minimum of two universities listed. The following schools are eligible for Illinois residents: University of Illinois (Champaign); Northern Illinois University (DeKalb); Northwestern University (Evanston); Marquette University (Milwaukee, WI); Indiana University (Bloomington, IN); Miami University (Oxford, OH)

Scholarship Award Amount: Varies: Full tuition and housing Renewable: Yes Number of Years Renewable: 4

Scholarship Qualifications: Strong caddie record: Applicants must have caddied, successfully and regularly, for a minimum of two years and also expected to caddie and/or work at their sponsoring club during the summer when they apply for the scholarship.
- Excellent academics: Applicants must have completed their junior year of high school with above a B average in college preparatory courses and are required to take the ACT.
- Demonstrated financial need: Applicants must clearly establish their need for financial assistance.
- Outstanding character: Applicants must be outstanding in character, integrity and leadership.

Required Documentation: High school evaluation (along with an official transcript, including overall GPA, rank in class if available, and standardized test scores) and the high school letter of recommendation.
- Caddie evaluation and the club letter of recommendation.
- Official financial documentation including a copy of parents’ most recent federal tax return and the required College Scholarship Service Financial Aid Profile. The Evans Scholars Foundation code for the College Scholarship Service Financial Aid Profile is 0153.

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: September 30, 2013 (Preferred completion date)

Scholarship Name: QuestBridge National College Match Program

Website: http://www.questbridge.org/for-students/ncm-national-college-match

Application: apply.questbridge.org/apply

Scholarship Description: The QuestBridge National College Match helps outstanding low-income high school seniors gain admission and full four-year scholarships to some of the nation's most selective colleges.

Scholarship Award Amount: QuestBridge’s partner colleges offer generous financial aid packages that cover 100% of demonstrated financial need, making them very affordable for low-income students.

Renewable: N/A

Scholarship Qualifications: Applicants must graduate from high school during or before the spring/summer of 2014 and plan to enroll as a freshman in college in the fall of 2014. We do not have absolute criteria for GPA, standardized test scores, or income. When selecting finalists for the National College Match, we try to answer the following questions:

“Does this student have the motivation and academic ability to thrive at one of our partner colleges?”

“Has this student overcome socio-economic obstacles to achieve academic excellence?”

Required Documentation: Online application, transcript, test score reports, three letters of recommendation, and several essays

Open to DREAMers: Yes

Scholarship Deadline: September 27, 2013
October

**Scholarship Name: Activ8 Scholarship**

**Website:** http://www.activ8chicago.com/#services/c13ps  
**Application:** http://media.wix.com/ugd/c74ea0_ef9af678074b192566d39de3b51660ec.pdf  
**Scholarship Description:** Activ8 provides scholarships to Latino students who demonstrate a financial need. Scholarship recipients will be required to provide proof of enrollment and financial need.  
**Scholarship Award Amount:** $1000-$2500  
**Renewable:** No  
**Scholarship Qualifications:** Latino students who demonstrate a financial need; Must be entering a college/university for Fall of 2014  
**Required Documentation:** There are two rounds to this scholarship: For the 1st round, application must be postmarked by October 28th. For the 2nd round submit the following by December 31st:  
1. Two Letters of recommendation (1 professional; 1 academic)  
2. A copy of your 2012 Tax Return  
3. FAFSA EFC  
4. College Acceptance letter (for 1st year college students only)  
5. High School or College transcripts.  
6. Two essay questions that will be provided to you  
If you have any questions please feel free to contact us at activ8scommittee@gmail.com  
**Open to DREAMers:** Only those who have completed the Deferred Action process (also known as DACA) and have obtained a SSN  
**Scholarship Deadline:** October 28, 2013

**Scholarship Name: Cola-Cola Foundation Scholarship**

**Website:** http://www.coca-colascholars.org/  
**Scholarship Description:** The Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation supports over 1,400 college students each year, with annual scholarships of $3.4 million. Additional Requirements: Applicants may NOT be children or grandchildren of employees, officers or owners of Coca-Cola bottling companies, The Coca-Cola Company, company divisions or subsidiaries.  
**Scholarship Award Amount:** Varies  
**Renewable:** Yes  
**Number of Years Renewable:** 4  
**Scholarship Qualifications:** Current high school (or home-schooled) seniors attending school in the United States (or select DoD schools)  
• U.S. Citizens; U.S. Nationals; U.S. Permanent Residents; Temporary Residents (in a legalization program); Refugees; Asylees; Cuban-Haitian Entrants; or Humanitarian Parolees  
• Anticipating completion of high school diploma at the time of application  
• Planning to pursue a degree at an accredited U.S. post-secondary institution  
• Have a minimum 3.00 GPA at the end of their junior year of high school  
**Required Documentation:** Online Application  
**Open to DREAMers:** No  
**Scholarship Deadline:** October 31, 2013

**Scholarship Name: Dolores Saxton Walker Scholarship**

**Website:** http://affiliate.nmsdc.org/chicagomsdc/app/template/contentMgmt,ContentPage.vm/contentid/2815  
**Application:** http://www.chooseyourfuture.org/support-scholarship/dolores-saxton-walker-scholarship-award  
**Scholarship Description:** The scholarship will be awarded to high school seniors aspiring to be an entrepreneur or seeking a business major at a recognized college or university. Finalists will be contacted and invited to attend a special luncheon on December 6, 2013.  
**Scholarship Award Amount:** $3,000 (Five awarded)  
**Renewable:** No  
**Scholarship Qualifications:** 3.5 weighted cumulative GPA  
• Graduating senior (June 2014) pursuing a career in business  
• Ethnic minority  
• Admitted and plan to enroll at a regionally accredited college or university in the Fall of 2014  
• Must participate in an interview if selected as a finalist  
**Required Documentation:** Completed application, transcript, resume (1-2 pages), college letter of acceptance  
**Open to DREAMers:** No  
**Scholarship Deadline:** October 25, 2013 (Friday) at 4:00 p.m.
Scholarship Name: Horatio Alger Association Scholarship

Scholarship Description: While many aid programs are directed primarily to recognizing academic achievement or leadership potential, the Horatio Alger program also seeks students who have a commitment to use their college degrees in service to others.

Scholarship Award Amount: $5,000  Renewable: No

Scholarship Qualifications: Enrollment full time as a high school senior in the United States, progressing normally toward graduation in the Spring/Summer 2014, with plans to enter college no later than the fall following graduation.

• A strong commitment to pursuing and completing a bachelor's degree at an accredited institution located in the United States (students may start their studies at a two-year institution and then transfer to a four-year institution. Idaho, Louisiana, and Montana state scholarship recipients must pursue and complete a degree at specific colleges and universities. Please see the individual program description for those requirements).
• Critical financial need ($50,000 or less adjusted gross income per family is preferred, if higher explanation must be provided).
• Involvement in co-curricular and community activities.
• Demonstrated integrity and perseverance in overcoming adversity.
• A minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0.
• United States Citizenship.

Required Documentation: High school transcript

• Support and verification form
• A copy of your parent/guardians federal tax return
• Required forms
• Certifications form

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: October 25, 2013

Scholarship Name: YoungArts Foundation

Scholarship Description: YoungArts provides emerging artists (ages 15-18 or grades 10-12) with life-changing experiences with renowned mentors, access to significant scholarships, national recognition, and other opportunities throughout their careers to help ensure that the nation's most outstanding young artists are encouraged to pursue careers in the arts. Support is offered in ten artistic disciplines: cinematic arts, dance, design, jazz, music, photography, theater, visual arts, voice and writing.

Scholarship Award Amount: By applying to the YoungArts program winners are eligible for:

• Up to $10,000 monetary award (total awarded each year is over $500,000)
• Exclusive eligibility for recognition as a U.S. Presidential Scholar in the Arts
• Master classes with world-renowned artists
• Access to scholarships, career opportunities and professional contacts

Renewable: N/A

Scholarship Qualifications: Must be between the ages 15-18 or grades 10-12. Citizens or legal residents of the United States or U.S. territories who are age 15-18 on December 1, 2013, or in grades 10-12, may apply. International students who are studying in the U.S. on a student visa are eligible to apply. YoungArts reserves the right to extend eligibility on a case by case basis provided the applicant’s birthdate falls within 90 days before or after the designated guidelines.

Required Documentation: Online application; Online audition portfolio

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: October 18, 2013 at 11:59 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time) for both application and audition portfolio). Applicants will receive notification of their status via email by no later than the end of November and written confirmation by the end of December.
**Scholarship Name: Dr. Juan Andrade Scholarship for Young Hispanic Leaders**

**Website:** http://www.ushli.org/student/scholarship.php

**Application:** http://www.ushli.org/docs/2014-2015_Scholarship_Application.pdf

**Scholarship Description:** The Dr. Juan Andrade Scholarship for Young Hispanic Leaders was established by the USHLI Board of Directors in 1994. To date USHLI has awarded $310,500 in scholarships to 305 Hispanic students throughout the United States. Students attending or accepted to an undergraduate four-year institution are eligible for a $1,000 scholarship. Students attending or accepted to an undergraduate two-year institution are eligible for a $500 scholarship.

**Scholarship Award Amount:** $500  
**Renewable:** No

**Scholarship Qualifications:** Applicant must be enrolled or accepted as a full-time student in a four-year or two-year institution in the U.S. or U.S. territories, and demonstrate a verifiable need for financial support. At least one parent must be of Hispanic ancestry. Recipients must also be available to attend the 31st National USHLI Conference in Chicago, IL, February 13-16, 2014.

**Required Documentation:**

Mail all requirements listed to: USHLI, Attn: Scholarship Committee, 431 S. Dearborn, Suite 1203, Chicago, IL 60605.

- **Cover Page:** Applicant must give their full legal name, home address, phone number, social security number, student I.D., or ITIN number, college contact person and title, college name, address, phone and fax number, classification, major, ancestry, and tuition balance for the year (tuition – grants, loans, scholarships = balance).
- **Background Information:** Applicant must submit a 250-500 word (one page minimum) self-description including: his/her family history (parents, siblings), life and/or work experiences that have influenced the applicant, and pertinent extracurricular and community involvement activities.
- **Leadership Essay:** Applicant must submit a 500-750 word essay (2-3 pages) on the future of Hispanics in America, the kind of leadership needed, and any role the applicant hopes to play in providing such leadership.
- **Transcript:** Applicant must submit a high school or college transcript verifying their eligibility status and GPA.
- **Letters of Reference:** Applicant must submit three (3) letters of reference from persons who have known them, e.g. high school teacher or counselor, employer, pastor/priest, professor, academic advisor, coach, etc.
- **Resume:** Applicants must submit a one-page resume of their work experience, academic accomplishments and other relevant activities.
- **Picture:** Applicant must submit a recent photograph (high-resolution, color, size: 2.5”x 3.5”). The picture should be suitable (head shot) for use in any printed literature announcing the recipients. Photos will be returned upon request.

**Open to DREAMers:** Yes

**Scholarship Deadline:** November 1, 2013 (postmark date)
**November**

**Scholarship Name:** Illinois Conservation Foundation Scholarship

**Website:** [http://ilcf.org/index.php/programs/scholarships](http://ilcf.org/index.php/programs/scholarships)


**Scholarship Description:** The annual $1,000 scholarships will be awarded to juniors and seniors who have truly made significant contributions or exhibited unparalleled dedication in preserving, promoting, enhancing or supporting Illinois cultural resources. Additional Requirements: Must be nominated by a cultural resource constituency group, community leader, school administrator or teacher, or other adult mentor for volunteer efforts in support of the cultural resources of Illinois

**Scholarship Award Amount:** Three scholarships of $2,000.00 each

**Renewal:** No

**Scholarship Qualifications:** Senior in an Illinois high school during the year of the scholarship award Illinois resident
- Able to provide specific examples of voluntary, effective contributions to Illinois’ natural resources throughout his/her high school enrollment
- Enrolling in a two- or four-year college or university program of study in the calendar year of his/her high school graduation
- In good standing at his/her high school and possess a 2.5 grade point average or better on a 4.0 scale (3.1 GPA or better on a 5.0 scale)

**Required Documentation:** Application
- A letter of support
- Two additional letters of support
- Media documentation of natural resources
- Verification of scholastic achievement
- A 500-word essay
- Acceptance letter from a two- or four-year college or university and your student
- Identification number at that college or university

**Open to DREAMers:** Unknown

**Scholarship Deadline:** November 30, 2013

**Scholarship Name:** Robert Dole Scholarship for Disabled Students

**Website:** [www.uncf.org](http://www.uncf.org)

**Application:** [http://www.uncf.org/sections/ForStudents/SS_Scholarships/scholarDetailSGA.asp?id=831](http://www.uncf.org/sections/ForStudents/SS_Scholarships/scholarDetailSGA.asp?id=831)

**Scholarship Description:** The Robert Dole Scholarship for Disabled Students is funded by the honorable former Senate majority leader Robert Dole who was severely wounded in World War II. The Robert Dole Scholarship for Disabled Students provides scholarships to physically and mentally challenged college students attending one of the 38 UNCF member colleges or universities. Applicants for this scholarship must be physically or mentally challenged.

**Scholarship Award Amount:** $3,500

**Renewal:** No

**Scholarship Qualifications:** Must be a current college freshman
- Complete Robert Dole Scholarship for Disabled Students Scholarship; 2.5 GPA
- 500-word essay describing challenges with disability
- Can only be used at UNCF Institutes (check website for list of UNCF Institutions)

**Open to DREAMers:** Unknown

**Scholarship Deadline:** November 30, 2013
Scholarship Name: Siemens HBCU College Fair and Scholarship Reception

Website: www.chooseyourfuture.org

Scholarship Description: Siemens Industry Inc., and Chicago Public Schools have partnered for the past 10 years to host a two-event: a morning college fair featuring 30-35 Historically Black Colleges and Universities and a Scholarship Reception.

Scholarship Award Amount: $1,000 - full-tuition, room & board and stipend scholarship awards    Renewable: Yes

Scholarship Qualifications: Chicago Public Schools Senior (class of 2014)
- Minimum grade point average of 3.0
- Minimum ACT score of 20 or higher
- Desire to attend an HBCU
- Students selected to participate will be notified by letter or by their counselor
- Note: some HBCU’s require the writing portion of the ACT and an unweighted GPA of 3.0. HBCU’s with these criteria will be noted in the letter that qualified applicants will receive

Required Documentation:
- Seniors (Class of 2014) are required to complete admission applications to a maximum of 4 of the participating HBCU’s by October 11, 2013
- Meet all admission and scholarship requirements for each HBCU they apply to
- Submit all required documentation to CPS Scholarship Coordinator by October 15, 2013

Open to DREAMers: Possibly - each HBCU has its own policy of awarding scholarships

Event Date: November 8, 2013. Due to limited venue capacity, only the first 300 qualified applicants who submit complete files will be permitted to attend the Scholarship Reception.
Scholarship Name: Comcast Leaders and Achievers


Application: You MUST be nominated by your principal or counselor chair. Only ONE student per CPS high school may be nominated.

Scholarship Description: The Leaders and Achievers Scholarships are one-time awards in the amount of $1,000 for use toward college costs and expenses. Scholarship awards are nonrenewable and are not based on financial need.

Scholarship Award Amount: $1,000  Renewable: No

Scholarship Qualifications: A student must nominated by a Principal or Guidance Counselor. Student must:
- Be a full-time high school senior
- Demonstrate a strong commitment to community service and display leadership abilities in school activities or through work experience
- Have a grade point average of 2.8 or higher
- Must attend a high school in a community served by Comcast

Required Documentation: Nomination Form Completed by School Nominator and Selected Student’s Online Application

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: December 5, 2013 (Nomination forms will become available September. Check website for details.)

Scholarship Name: Diamond Dove Achievement Award

Application: http://www.chooseyourfuture.org/support-scholarship/zeta-phi-beta-diamond-dove-achievement-award

Scholarship Description: Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, Zeta Tau Zeta Chapter in partnership with Zeta Tau Zeta White Rose Foundation, Inc. is pleased to announce The “Diamond Dove” Achievement Awards. Awards are given to students who demonstrate the four principles of: Scholarship, Service, Sisterly Love and Finer Womanhood.

Scholarship Award Amount: $500 -$1,000  Renewable: Yes  Number of Years Renewable: 4

Scholarship Qualifications: • African American female student residing in Illinois
- Graduating high school senior
- Pursuing a full time undergraduate, academic bachelor’s degree from an accredited college or university
- Beginning college freshman as of the 2014 Fall semester
- Cumulative unweighted GPA of 3.0 or higher

Required Documentation: •Completed scholarship application, Typed essay (2 pages maximum),
- 2 professional letters of recommendation, Current, valid high school transcript ACT/SAT Scores
- Current picture (non-returnable)

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: December 6, 2013

Scholarship Name: Elks National Foundation’s Most Valuable Student Scholarship

Website: http://www.elks.org/enf/scholars/mvs.cfm  Application: Will become available in September

Scholarship Description: The Elk Foundation will award 500 four-year scholarships to the highest-rated applicants in the 2014 competition. Applicants will be judged on scholarship, leadership, and financial need. Male and female students compete separately.

Scholarship Award Amount: Ranging from $1,000 per year to $12,500 per year

Renewable: Yes  Number of Years Renewable: 4

Scholarship Qualifications: Any high school senior who is a citizen of the United States is eligible to apply.
- Applicants may not be related to a member of the Elks.
- College students are not eligible to apply.
- Applicants must be citizens of the United States on the date their applications are signed; permanent legal resident status does not qualify.

Required Documentation: Exhibits should emphasize your achievements in scholarship, leadership, athletics, dramatics, community service, etc. Examples of exhibits include, but are not limited to: Newspaper articles in which you are featured, certificates of Achievement in academics, music, drama, sports, service, etc. and copies of awards

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: December 6, 2013
December

Scholarship Name: Futuro con Leche Scholarship
Website: http://www.hsf.net/FuturoConLeche.aspx Application: https://apply.hsf.net/applications/ (Will be available in September)

Scholarship Description: The “Got Milk?” Futuro con Leche Scholarship Program is available on a competitive basis to graduating high school seniors of Hispanic heritage. Students must be enrolled full-time as a first year freshman or first year community college student during the 2014-2015 academic year.

Scholarship Award Amount: $4,000 Renewable: No

Scholarship Qualifications: Be of Hispanic heritage, Be a U.S. Citizen, legal permanent resident or an eligible non-U.S. citizen, Be a graduating high school senior with plans to enroll full-time in a degree-seeking program at a four-year or two-year accredited U.S. institution in the U.S., Puerto Rico, the U.S. VII or Guam during the 2013-2014 academic year, Have a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0/4.0, Must be eligible to receive a Pell grant, Must write a maximum 250 word essay telling us about your high school journey and how making breakfast with milk part of your routine (or daily routine) has helped you succeed, Must apply for federal financial aid by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) in 2014.

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: This scholarship has a December deadline. Check website for details.

Scholarship Name: Golden Apple Scholars
Website: http://www.goldenapple.org/

Scholarship Description: Beginning in May of their junior year and continuing through November of their senior year, any Illinois high school student who is interested in a teaching career is eligible for the Golden Apple Scholars of Illinois program. Golden Apple Scholars receive tuition assistance of $2,500 per year for freshmen and sophomore years and $5,000 per year for junior and senior years.

Scholarship Award Amount: Golden Apple Scholars receive tuition assistance of $2,500 per year for freshmen and sophomore years and $5,000 per year for junior and senior years, paid directly to the scholar’s undergraduate institution.

Renewable: Yes Number of Years Renewable: 4

Scholarship Qualifications: Illinois high school student who is interested in a teaching career is eligible for the Golden Apple

Required Documentation: Nomination form, written application, provide ACT scores, and furnish transcripts

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: December 1, 2013

Greenhouse Scholars Program
Website: www.greenhousescholars.org Application: Will become available in early November

Scholarship Description: The Greenhouse Scholars Program provides comprehensive personal and financial support, including one-on-one mentorship, professional guidance, peer mentorship, leadership training, and a renewable need-based college scholarship of up to $5,000 per year. We are not a typical scholarship program - become a Greenhouse Scholar and get the support you need to become the community leader you are destined to be.

Scholarship Award Amount: $5,000 Renewable: Yes, with a 3.0+ GPA Number of Years Renewable: 4

Scholarship Qualifications: Cumulative GPA minimum - 3.5 (unweighted)

• Community service strongly recommended, but not required.
• Must be a US citizen and legal resident of Illinois
• Demonstrate financial need (annual household income no greater than $70,000)
• Demonstrate an ability to persevere through difficult circumstances, possess excellent leadership skills, and have a strong interest and commitment to the community

Required Documentation: Two letters of recommendation: One from a high school counselor, one from an adult, and one from a peer.
Five short answer essays

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: December 10, 2013
December

Scholarship Name: Haz La “U”/Make the U Scholarship Fund

Website: http://www.hsf.net/haz_la_u_scholarship.aspx  Application: Will become available in September

Scholarship Description: To honor Hispanic Heritage Month, Colgate offers the annual scholarship program “Haz La U” or “Make the U”. In partnership with the Hispanic Scholarship Fund (HSF), the program aims to award educational grants to eligible Hispanic students in the U.S. pursuing higher education.

Scholarship Award Amount: $15,000 for the top recipient; $2,500 for 10 additional recipients  Renewable: No

Scholarship Qualifications:
- Be of Hispanic American heritage.
- Have a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- Be a U.S. citizen or legal permanent resident of the United States. All legal permanent residents must submit a copy of their valid permanent resident card or passport stamped I-551.
- Be pursuing or plan to pursue your first undergraduate degree.
- Have plans to enroll full-time at an accredited institution in the U.S., Puerto Rico, U. S. Virgin Islands, or Guam during the 2014-2015 academic year.
- Must be a current graduating high school senior enrolling at a two-year college or a four-year institution in the 2014-2015 academic year.
- Must apply for federal financial aid by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Required Documentation:
- Completed application; Official transcript; Free Application For Student Aid (FAFSA)

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: This scholarship has a December deadline. Check website for details.

Scholarship Name: Ronald McDonald Scholarship

Website: http://rmhc.org/what-we-do/rmhc-u-s-scholarships/

Application: Applications for the 2014 scholarship program will be accepted online starting October 1, 2013

Scholarship Description: Ronald McDonald House Charities offer scholarships to students in financial need who have demonstrated academic achievement, leadership and community involvement. Since 1985, $40 million in scholarships have been awarded.

Award Amount: $1,000  Renewable: No

Scholarship Qualifications:
- Meet any additional eligibility requirements outlined by each scholarship program
  - Be a high school senior
  - Be younger than 21 years old
  - Be eligible to attend a two- or four-year college, university or technical school with a full course of study
  - Be a legal U.S. resident
  - Live in a participating RMHC Chapter’s geographic area
  - Submit a complete application and all required documentation by the deadline on the application
  - Provide verification of enrollment each year at respective accredited post-secondary institution

Required Documents: All required documentation

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: December 20, 2013
December

Scholarship Name: University of Illinois at Chicago President’s Award Program

Website: http://www.uic.edu/depts/oaa/degree_progress/pap.html

Scholarship Description: Scholarship consideration is given only to newly admitted first-year students graduating from an Illinois high school. Consideration is based on a combination of factors including high school record, standardized test scores, and a comprehensive review of all application materials. Additionally, candidates must be from one of the following: (a) a low-sending Illinois county to the University of Illinois, (b) a family which is not expected to contribute to the cost of their dependent student’s education as verified through the financial aid application process or (c) member of a historically underrepresented group. Consideration for PAP awards begins after admission to the university. Students do not apply directly to the program for consideration. Students receive individual review by the program’s selection committee and will be notified by mail if selected.

Scholarship Award Amount: $5,000 a year Renewable: Yes Number of Years Renewable: 4

Scholarship Qualifications: ACT 25 or higher; Top 25th percentile ranking (HSPR 75 or higher); Cumulative GPA 3.0 or higher; Admitted to UIC for Fall 2014. Once enrolled, participation in mandatory program’s activities and maintain a minimum 2.75 GPA per semester

2. Complete the UIC First Year Supplement to the Common Application.
3. While submitting a FASFA is not required, it is highly recommended.

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: The scholarship’s priority review is December 1, 2013. Students are encouraged to apply for admission prior to November 30.

Scholarship Name: World Sport Chicago Scholarship

Website: www.wscscholars.org

Scholarship Description: Students must be juniors in HS, have played at least 2 seasons on an Olympic or Paralympics sport, and demonstrate Olympic virtues of excellence, friendship, and respect. Scholars will also be eligible to compete for one of sixteen renewable college scholarships worth up to $10,000 annually ($40,000 total). Website note: Go to “Programs” and select “WSC Scholars.”

Scholarship Award Amount: $5,000

Renewable: Yes Number of Years Renewable: 4

Scholarship Qualifications: High school juniors (in the Fall of 2013)
Maintain a 2.0 unweighted GPA or higher
Must complete an eligible Olympic/Paralympic sport for two seasons in the past three years

Required Documentation: Online Application

Open to DREAMers: Yes

Scholarship Deadline: December 12, 2013
Scholarship Name: ALPFA Scholarship Fund
Website: http://www.hsf.net/ALPFA.aspx
Scholarship Description: The Association of Latino Professionals in Finance and Accounting (ALPFA) offers scholarships to students pursuing careers in finance, accounting and related fields of business. Awards from $1,250 - $10,000. Additional Requirements: Must be pursuing business, finance, or marketing. Must have financial need.
Scholarship Award Amount: Varies Renewable: No
Scholarship Qualifications:
  • Have a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA on a 4.0 scale (or the equivalent)
  • US citizen OR legal permanent resident with a valid permanent resident card or passport stamped I-551
  • Be pursuing or plan to pursue your first undergraduate or graduate degree
  • Must apply for federal financial aid using the Free Applications for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
  • Be enrolled or plan to enroll full-time as an undergraduate or graduate student at a U.S. accredited institution in the U.S., Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, or Guam, Pursuing careers in finance, accounting and related business fields
Required Documentation: Complete application; Free Applications for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
Open to DREAMers: No
Scholarship Deadline: This scholarship has a January deadline. Check website for details.

Scholarship Name: Asian and Pacific Islander Scholarship
Website: http://www.apiasf.org/scholarship_apiasf.html Application: Applications will be available in October
Scholarship Description: Our vision is to see that all APIAs have access to higher education and resources that cultivate their academic, personal and professional success regardless of their ethnicity, national origin or financial means. Our mission is to make a difference in the lives of APIA students by providing them with resources that increase their access to higher education which serves as the foundation for their future success and contributions to a stronger America. APIASF offers scholarships in conjunction with the following partners: APIASF/BBCN Bank Scholarship APIASF/Coca-Cola Foundation Scholarship APIASF/FedEx Scholarship APIASF/Sara Lee Foundation Scholarship APIASF/Southern California Edison Scholarship APIASF/Toyota Scholarship APIASF/United Health Foundation Scholarship
Scholarship Award Amount: $2,500 Renewable: No
Scholarship Qualifications:
  • Be of Asian and/or Pacific Islander ethnicity as defined by the U.S. census
  • Be a citizen, national, or legal permanent resident of the United States. Citizens of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of Palau are also eligible to apply.
  • Be enrolling in a U.S. accredited college or university in the fall of 2014.
  • Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.7 on a 4.0 scale (unweighted) or have earned a GED.
  • Must apply for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by February 15th.
  • Submit one letter of recommendation online.

Please read each listing for specific eligibility requirements regarding the academic standing required for each scholarship.
Required Documentation: Complete application One letter of recommendation FAFSA
Open to DREAMers: No
Scholarship Deadline: January 15, 2014
January

Scholarship Name: Burger King McLamore Foundation℠ and the James W. McLamore Whopper® Scholarship

Website: http://www.bkmclamorefoundation.org/Home

Application: https://www.scholarshipamerica.org/burgerkingscholars/information.php (Application will open November 15th)

Scholarship Description: The McLamore Foundation awards three recipients with a $50,000 scholarship. These four-year scholarships will help students achieve their educational and professional goals and are intended to help keep James McLamore’s vision alive.

Scholarship Award Amount: $50,000

Renewable: Yes

Number of Years Renewable: 4

Scholarship Qualifications: Be residents of the United States, Canada or Puerto Rico

- Be graduating high school seniors (U.S. and Puerto Rico), graduating from grade 12 (Canada) or graduating from home school education in the U.S., Puerto Rico or Canada
- Have a cumulative high school grade point average of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale, or the equivalent
- Plan to enroll full-time, without interruption, for the entire 2014-15 academic year at an accredited two- or four-year college, university, or vocational-technical school in the U.S., Canada or Puerto Rico

Required Documentation: Online application with supplements (check the website for updated information).

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: January 10, 2014 or until the first 50,000 applications are received. Application data must be submitted electronically by 11:59 p.m. (Pacific time). If 50,000 applications are received prior to January 10th, the application will close.

Scholarship Name: Carson Scholars Fund (Elementary and High School Scholarship)

Website: www.carsonscholars.org

Application: You must be nominated by a counselor, principal, or teacher and he/she must complete the online form.

Scholarship Description: The Carson Scholars Fund remains dedicated to its goal of naming a Carson Scholar in every state. All schools that request an application will be added to our mailing list for our next scholarship season. All requests must come from educators or school administrators. Requests cannot be made for individual students, nor can applications be sent to students’ homes. This policy ensures that educators can complete a fair and impartial nomination process to determine which student at their school would best meet the requirements for a Carson Scholarship.

Scholarship Award Amount: $1,000. The money earns interest so students always end up with slightly more than $1,000 by the time they attend college. Between 20-30 awarded to CPS students annually.

Renewable: No

Scholarship Qualifications: 4th – 11th grade student

- Must be nominated by counselor/teacher and approved by principal. Only one (1) student per school
- Minimum 3.75 GPA - current year grades only (NOT cumulative)
- One Letter of Recommendation
- Essay 500 or 750 words depending on age
- Community service

Required Documentation: All educators are welcome to request an application. Educators can request an application by sending an email from a school email address with the title, “Application Request”, to Rebekah@carsonscholars.org. The name of the school principal, email address, and the school’s full mailing address must be included in the email to process your request.

Open to DREAMers: No, students must have a social security number to receive funds.

Scholarship Deadline: January 10, 2014
Scholarship Name: Charles Scholarship

Website: www.davidson.edu/admission-and-financial-aid/financial-aid/scholarships/nomination-scholarships/charles-scholarship

Application: Must be nominated by a counselor teacher and he/she must complete the form that is included website url listed above.

Scholarship Description: Students can be nominated by a guidance counselor or apply for scholarship alongside an undergraduate application to Davidson College. Each high school may nominate up to three students. This scholarship is for full tuition.

Scholarship Award Amount: Full cost of attendance (room, board, tuition, fees, spending allowance for books, travel, personal expenses)

Renewable: Yes  Number of Years Renewable: 4

Scholarship Qualifications: Student must be a graduate of CPS with strong records of academic and personal accomplishment. You may be considered for the Charles scholarship either: A) As your school’s nominee; or B) By completing an application for admission to Davidson.

Required Documentation: Completed nomination form, signed and dated; signed transcript and school profile; letter of recommendation for the nominee.

Open to DREAMers: Yes


Scholarship Name: Chez Family Scholarship (UIUC)

Website: http://admissions.illinois.edu/cost/scholarships_ALLdisciplines.html

Application: Contact Mr. McFarling at jmp@illinois.edu for 2014 application info

Scholarship Description: The Chez Scholars Program is a college access and retention program that recruits promising Chicago area public high school students. The program is designed to provide the Chez Scholars with support, guidance, and opportunities for personal growth through their undergraduate experience at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Chez Scholars are selected based on financial need, strength of character, work ethic, academic potential and their desire to positively contribute to the community.

Scholarship Award Amount: Up to $10,000  Renewable: Yes  Number of Years Renewable: 4

Scholarship Qualifications:
  • Chicago Public High School students who have completed the application for admission to the University of Illinois
  • Must be economically disadvantaged, having a household income of less than $40,000 (approximately 200% of the federal poverty level), the maximum family income for eligibility will be reviewed annually

Required Documentation: Must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA); Chez application essays; Two letters of recommendation (preferably one from a teacher/counselor and one from a personal contact who is not related to the student)

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: This scholarship is due during the first week of January. Please check the website for updated information.

Scholarship Name: Chicago Scholars Program

Website: http://www.chicagoscholars.org/

Scholarship Description: Going beyond traditional monetary solutions, the Chicago Scholars Program offers five years of best practice programming to get students into college, graduate in four years, and smoothly transition into good-fit careers or graduate study.

Scholarship Award Amount: No award. This program prepares students for a successful transition to college and enables students to participate in on-site admissions/scholarship opportunities.

Scholarship Qualifications: High school juniors who demonstrate strong character and academic ambitions, want to explore their college possibilities, have a strong will to succeed, and a desire to give back to their peers and community.
  • Living within the city limits of Chicago
  • Attending a high school (public, charter, private or parochial) in Chicago
  • Strong students with a minimum 3.0 GPA
  • PLAN or ACT score of 19 or higher
  • From first-generation, economically high need and under-served communities Nominated by a counselor, principal, teacher or self

Required Documentation: Online application; Recommendation letter(s); Official transcript

Open to DREAMers: Yes

Scholarship Deadline: January 31, 2014
January

Scholarship Name: Dell Scholars Program
Website: http://www.dellscholars.org/  
Application: Will become available online November 1

Scholarship Description: Funded by the Michael & Susan Dell Foundation (MSDF), a private foundation dedicated to enabling children and youth to achieve their potential, the Dell Scholars program offers an opportunity for under-served and lower income students to realize their dream of a college education. $20,000 scholarships are offered to students for full-time study to complete a bachelor’s degree program. You must be enrolled in an Dell Foundation College Readiness Program. Some programs currently approved to participate in the Dell Scholars Program:

- Idea Academy
- Uplift Education
- Upward Bound
- Upward Bound Math and Science
- Aspire Public Schools
- AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination)
- College Forward
- GEAR UP
- Green Dot Public Schools
- KIPP Charter Schools
- Noble Street Charter School

Scholarship Award Amount: $20,000  
Renewable: Yes  Number of Years Renewable: 6

Scholarship Qualifications: Participating in a Michael & Susan Dell Foundation approved college readiness program for a minimum of two of the last three years

- Graduating from an accredited high school this academic year
- Minimum of a 2.4 GPA
- Demonstrated need for financial assistance
- Plan to enter a bachelor’s degree program at an accredited higher education institution in the fall directly after graduation
- U.S. citizenship or permanent residency

Required Documentation:  
- Online application

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: January 15, 2014

Scholarship Name: Emma L. Bowen Foundation Work/Study Program
Website: http://www.emmabowenfoundation.com/index.php/application.html
Application: Will become available online by September 2013

Scholarship Description: The Emma L. Bowen Foundation was created in 1989 to prepare minority youth for careers in the media industry. The Foundation’s program is unlike traditional intern programs in that students work for partner companies during summers and school breaks from the summer following their senior year in high school until they graduate from college. During the four-year program, students have an opportunity to learn many aspects of corporate operations and develop company-specific skills. Corporations have an opportunity to train and mentor students with the option of full-time employment upon completion of their college degrees.

Scholarship Award Amount: Students earn an hourly salary and matching funds for college expenses.

Renewable: N/A

Scholarship Qualifications: Minority students with a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better and an interest in the media industry as a career are eligible to apply

Required Documentation: Please the website for listed required documents once the application is opened.

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: January 31, 2014
January

Scholarship Name: Gates Millennium Scholarship
Website: http://www.gmsp.org/
Application: https://scholarships.gmsp.org/Program/Details/0fb486dd-d32c-4a4f-a0c5-d911d7d89cb7
Scholarship Description: We provide our Gates Millennium Scholars with personal and professional development through our leadership programs along with academic support through their college career. Full tuition for college and graduate school.
Scholarship Award Amount: Varies-Full Tuition, Room and Board, and personal expenses covered through graduate school.
Renewable: Yes  Number of Years Renewable: Varies
Scholarship Qualifications: Are a citizen, national or legal permanent resident of the United States
• Are African American, American Indian/Alaska Native*, Asian Pacific Islander American** or Hispanic American
• Have attained a cumulative high school GPA of 3.3 on an unweighted 4.0 scale or have earned a GED
• Will enroll for the first time at a U.S. located, accredited*** college or university (with the exception of students concurrently pursuing a high school diploma) in the fall of 2013 as a full-time, degree-seeking, first-year student. First-time college enrollees can also be GED recipients.
• Have demonstrated leadership abilities through participation in community service, extracurricular, or other activities
• Meet the Federal Pell Grant eligibility criteria
• Have completed and submitted all three required forms: the student’s application (Nominee Personal Information Form), an evaluation of the student’s academic record (Nominator Form) and an evaluation of the student’s community service and leadership activities (Recommender Form) by the deadline
Required Documentation: Student Application (Nominee Personal Information Form)
Educator’s evaluation of the student’s academic record (Nominator Form)
Evaluation of the student’s community service and leadership activities (Recommender Form)
Open to DREAMers: No
Scholarship Deadline: January 16, 2014

Scholarship Name: IIT Collens Scholars
Website: http://www.iit.edu/undergrad-admission/cost/scholarships-collens-scholars.shtml
Scholarship Description: Collens Scholars demonstrate a high standard of academic excellence, aptitude in mathematics and science, social service, and a desire to pursue a high quality educational experience. Specifically, we offer the opportunity to be a Collens Scholar to Chicago Public School seniors who demonstrate defined financial need. Collens Scholars are awarded full tuition, room and board, and books.
Scholarship Award Amount: Full tuition, approximately $31,000  Renewable: Yes  Number of Years Renewable: 4
Scholarship Qualifications: Graduate from a Chicago Public School in June 2013
• Be admitted to IIT as a full-time freshman for Fall 2014 (note: transfer students are not eligible for this program)
• Be a U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident
• Chicago residency
• Must show dedication to community service
• Submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) using IIT’s FAFSA code: 001691
• Have parents (or guardians) whose income is less than $45,000 per year
• Complete verification process with the Office of Financial Aid
Required Documentation: Application with supplemental material. Please check the website for updated information.
Open to DREAMers: No
Scholarship Deadline: January 15, 2014
Scholarship Name: Tuskegee Airmen National Educational Assistance Scholarship

Website: http://www.taisf.org/newsletter.html  
Application: Will become available in October

Scholarship Description: Background Information: Tuskegee Airmen, Incorporated™ is a unique organization dedicated to the preservation of the history of African American veterans whose service during World War II demonstrated to America that the criteria for responsible citizenship are character and achievement rather than ethnic origin.

Scholarship Award Amount: $1,500  
Renewable: No

Scholarship Requirements: Applicants must be students of accredited high schools who have graduated or will graduate in the school year 2013-2014. Additionally, applying students must have a GPA of at least three points (3.0) on a four-point scale.

Required Documentation:
- Two (2) page essay containing: a biographical sketch, educational aspirations, career goals and an explanation of why financial aid is essential.
- Additionally, the applicant must include a single page essay entitled “The Tuskegee Airmen” which reflects an overview of their history. Essays must be typed, double-spaced with 1-inch margins on 8.5” x 11” paper. Please note, all attachments to application must not.
- To validate the financial status of the applicant, a copy of parent(s)’ latest IRS Form 1040 through adjusted gross income line must be included in application package. If not required to file Form 1040, provide official alternate source document to verify income, such as statement from Public Social Services, Pensions or SSI (W-2 or W-4 not acceptable). SSN may be “blacked out.”

Chicagoland students should mail the National Scholarship Application to:
Chicago Chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen
Educational Assistance Program
P.O. Box 19063
Chicago, IL 60619

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: January 10, 2014

Scholarship Name: University of Illinois at Chicago President’s Award Program Honors Scholars

Website: http://www.uic.edu/depts/oaa/degree_progress/pap.html

Scholarship Description: The PAP Honors Scholars program is a four-year residential scholarship program that provides opportunities for academic engagement and mentoring as a member of the UIC Honors College. Consideration is based on a combination of factors including high school record, standardized test scores, and a comprehensive review of all application materials. Additionally, Consideration for PAP-H awards begins after admission to the university. Students do not apply directly to the program for consideration. Students receive individual review by the program’s selection committee and will be notified by mail if selected. This scholarship is highly competitive for a limited number of awards.

Scholarship Award Amount: Full tuition and housing cost  
Renewable: Yes  
Number of Years Renewable: 4

Scholarship Qualifications: Newly admitted full-time, first-year students graduating from an Illinois high school for Fall 2014. Candidates must be from one of the following: (a) a low-sending Illinois county to the University of Illinois, (b) a family which is not expected to contribute to the cost of their dependent student’s education as verified through the financial aid application process or (c) member of a historically underrepresented group. ACT 27 or higher; Top 25th percentile ranking (HSPR 75 or higher); Cumulative GPA: 3.0
Once enrolled, participate in mandatory program activities and maintain a minimum 3.40 GPA per semester

Required Documentation:
1. Submit a completed common application.
2. Complete the UIC First Year Supplement to the common application.
3. In the UIC Honors College section check the box labeled “Apply to Honors College.”
4. Upload the required Honors College Essay.
5. Submit two (2) letters of recommendation. At least one letter should be from a teacher, counselor, or administrator at your school. Your second letter may be written by another teacher or by someone (not a family member) outside your school who is familiar with your qualifications.
6. While submitting a FASFA is not required, it is highly recommended.

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: The scholarship’s priority review is December 1, 2013. Students are encouraged to apply for admission prior to November 30. Final deadline: January 15, 2014
February

**Scholarship Name: 100 BMA: Future Leader Scholarship**

**Website:** www.100blackmen.org  
**Application:** Will become available online in December

**Scholarship Description:** The 100 Black Men of America, Inc. is committed to the growth and development of America’s youth. In addition to engaging in mentoring, education, health & wellness and economic development programs, we feel it is important to aid in developing talented young Americans in pursuit of higher education. Community Service: 50 hrs within the last 12 months- 50 hrs in the 8 months after being awarded. Notification of scholarships will only be sent to awarded recipients by June 28, 2014.

**Scholarship Award Amount:** $1,000- $2,000  
**Renewable:** No  
**Scholarship Qualifications:** Undergraduate student or high school student transitioning to college  
- Minimum grade point average of 2.5  
- Attending a post secondary, accredited institution or planning to attend  
- Plans to attend school for entire academic year, beginning in the fall  
- Completed 50 hours of “active” community service within past 12 months with certified documentation  
- Leadership involvement (Defined as office held for instance is a President, Treasurer, etc. in High School, College or an organization / club; Captain of a team; Students that have started an organization / program or developed / invented an item that helps to benefit the community at large; etc.)

**Required Documentation:**  
1. Scholarship Application  
2. Essay: Applicants are required to submit a 600 word, double-spaced essay using one of five topics (see website). It is also encouraged and preferred that the essays be typed.  
3. Official Academic Transcript  
4. Confirmation of Community Service Form  
5. One Character Reference Letter (must be from a non-relative)

**Open to DREAMers:** Yes

**Scholarship Deadline:** February 28, 2014

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**Scholarship Name: 2014 Future Scholars Scholarship**

**Website:** http://www.iotaphisigma.com/html/  
**Application:** Will become available online in late December

**Scholarship Description:** Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated, Iota Phi Sigma chapter is pleased to announce the “Future Scholars” Scholarship. The Future Scholars Scholarship will be presented to eligible graduating African–American male high school seniors.

**Scholarship Award Amount:** $1,000  
**Renewable:** No

**Scholarship Qualifications:** African-American male student  
- Graduating high school senior  
- Illinois residency  
- Must be pursuing A full-time undergraduate degree  
- Enrolled college freshman as of Fall 2014  
- Cumulative, unweighted GPA of 2.75 or higher

**Required Documentation:**  
- Most current transcript  
- Completed scholarship application  
- Two (2) official letters of recommendation  
- Typed essay (two-page maximum)  
- ACT/SAT scores

**Open to DREAMers:** No

**Scholarship Deadline:** February 5, 2014
**February**

**Scholarship Name:** 2014-2015 Illinois PTA Lillian E. Glover Scholarship Program

**Website:** http://www.illinoispta.org/scholarship.html  
**Application:** Will become publicly available online in November

**Scholarship Description:** Scholarship is awarded to students enrolling in a college or university in an education or education-related degree program, which may include: Librarians, Instructional Media Specialists, School Nurses, School Psychologists or Social Workers.

**Scholarship Award Amount:** 1st Place - $3,000.00 2nd Place - $2,000.00  
**Renewable:** No

**Scholarship Qualifications:** Grade Point Average of 3.0 or above in a non-weighted 4.0 scale. Please convert the GPA if it is weighted and/or a 5.0 scale. Graduating senior, preparing to enter Education or Education-related degree program requiring certification from a state board of education. Must be in top Top 33% of class.

**Required Documentation:** Completed application; Transcript of high school credits and grades, including the first semester of the senior year; A stamped, self-addressed business envelope

**Open to DREAMers:** Unknown

**Scholarship Deadline:** Application postmarked on or before February 14, 2014 and returned to the Illinois PTA Scholarship Director.

**Scholarship Name:** Best Buy Children’s Foundation Scholarship

**Website:** http://www.bby.com/community-relations/programs/best-buy-scholarship-program/

**Scholarship Description:** Best Buy Children’s Foundation is awarding scholarships to recognize and reward students who have made extraordinary contributions both inside and outside of the classroom.

**Scholarship Award Amount:** $1,000  
**Renewable:** No

**Scholarship Qualifications:** Be students currently in grades 9-12 living in the United States or Puerto Rico.

- Have a minimum cumulative high school grade point average of 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale), or equivalent.
- Demonstrate commitment to and involvement in community volunteer service or work experience.
- Following high school graduation, plan to enter a full-time undergraduate course of study at an accredited two- or four-year college, university, or vocational-technical school in the United States or Puerto Rico.
  1) Applicants who are current high school seniors must enroll no later than the upcoming fall term.
  2) Applicants who are in grades 9-11 must plan to enroll no later than the fall term following high school graduation.
- Have never been selected as a Best Buy Scholarship recipient.

**Required Documentation:** Complete Application

**Open to DREAMers:** Unknown

**Scholarship Deadline:** February 14, 2014

**Scholarship Name:** Bank of America Student Leaders Program

**Website:** http://about.bankofamerica.com/en-us/global-impact/student-leaders.html#fbid=8yHsAViVM8k

**Scholarship Description:** Our Student Leaders® program connects young leaders with employment that helps to give them the necessary tools and resources they need to advance. Through the Student Leaders® program, we recognize high school juniors and seniors who step outside of the classroom to contribute service in their own communities and beyond. Student Leaders® are awarded paid summer internships with local nonprofit organizations and participate in a Student Leadership Summit held in Washington, D.C.

**Scholarship Award Amount:** 8-week paid internship at a local nonprofit/charitable organization  
**Renewable:** N/A

**Scholarship Qualifications:** To become a Student Leader, you must:

- Currently be a junior or senior in high school
- Participate in an 8-week internship at a local nonprofit/charitable organization and work 35 hours a week
- Be legally authorized to work in the US without sponsorship through the end of September 2014
- Be able to participate in a week-long Student Leadership Summit in Washington, DC (July 7- July 12, 2014). (All expenses paid as part of the Student Leaders Program. This week will be part of your 8-week experience.)
- Be a student in good standing at your school

**Required Documentation:** Letter of recommendation from a teacher, guidance counselor, or school administrator.

**Open to DREAMers:** No

**Scholarship Deadline:** Application becomes available in February. Please check the website for deadline details.
February

**Scholarship Name:** Buick Achievers Scholarship Program

**Website:** http://www.buickachievers.com/

**Scholarship Description:** This scholarship, funded by the GM Foundation, is designed to help students who are leaders in both the classroom and their communities, but who may not have the financial means to attend college. Must be interested in a career in the automotive or related industries.

**Scholarship Award Amount:** Up to $25,000 per year for 100 first-time freshman or existing college students, renewable up to four years and one additional year for those entering a qualified five-year engineering program. $2,000 one-time awards for an additional 1,000 students.

**Renewable:** Yes  **Number of Years Renewable:** 4

**Scholarship Qualifications:**
- Be high school seniors or graduates or be current undergraduate students
- Plan to enroll in full-time undergraduate study at an accredited U.S. four-year college or university for the entire 2013–14 academic year (excluding proprietary and online schools)
- Plan to major in one of the following: Science, Technology, Engineering, Math, Business Administration, Finance, Marketing or Designs
- Be interested in pursuing a career in the automotive or related industries
- Resident of Cook, DuPage, Lake, Kane, Kendall, DeKalb, McHenry, Will and Winnebago
- Be U.S. citizens and have permanent residence in the United States

**Required Documentation:** Complete online application

**Open to DREAMers:** No

**Scholarship Deadline:** February 28, 2014

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**Scholarship Name:** CBAI Foundation for Community Banking: Annual Essay Scholarship Program

**Website:** http://www.cbai.com/index.php/education-foundation-2?showall=&start=2

**Scholarship Description:** The CBAI Foundation for Community Banking offers 13 scholarships to top Illinois high school seniors statewide each year. Competition is open to Illinois high school seniors who are sponsored by a CBAI member bank; it is not based on financial need or plans for higher education. Student bank employees, plus the immediate families of bank employees, board members, stockholders, CBAI employees, and judges are ineligible, (a separate scholarship is available to these individuals.) Students are asked to write short essays on the above-mentioned theme. Length of the essay must not exceed two pages of typewritten copy, double-spaced in 12-pt, on one side of each page. Each essay must also have a title. For more information, email Bobbi Watson: bobbiw@cbai.com.

**Scholarship Award Amount:** $1,000/ per year (1st place); 500 for second place  **Renewable:** Yes  **Number of Years Renewable:** 4

**Scholarship Qualifications:** Be an Illinois resident and a senior graduating in June 2014 and be sponsored by a CBAI member bank. Check this list of participating banks: http://www.cbai.com/index.php/education-foundation-2/61-foundation/308-participating-banks-2013-2014

**Required Documentation:** Essay on a given topic

**Open to DREAMers:** Yes

**Scholarship Deadline:** February 3, 2014
Scholarship Name: Chancellor’s Scholar Award: Purdue University

Website: http://webs.purduecal.edu/admissions/scholarships/

Scholarship Description: Purdue University Calumet is dedicated to recognizing the academic excellence of our students. Entering freshmen and new transfer students are automatically considered for academic scholarships as part of the admissions process.

Scholarship Award Amount: Up to $15,700 for a non-Indiana resident; $500 per year for books; $1,250 per term for housing

Renewable: Yes Number of Years Renewable: 4

Scholarship Qualifications: 1. You must be a high school graduate from a secondary institution that offers competitive class rankings.  
2. You must be the valedictorian or salutatorian of your graduating high school class.  
3. You must have a SAT score of 1100 (CR & M) or equivalent on the ACT exam and a high school GPA of 3.5  
4. You must be a U.S. Citizen.  
5. You must be admitted and registered at Purdue University Calumet as a full-time degree-seeking undergraduate student.  
6. You must begin classes at Purdue University Calumet in the academic year within one year of graduation from high school provided you have not attended any other university.

Required Documentation: Application for enrollment to Purdue University; Application for scholarship

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: February 1, 2014

Scholarship Name: Chicago (DODO) Chapter of Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. Education Assistance Program

Website: http://www.taichicago.org/students/scholarships-educational-assistance/educational-assistance-program

Application: http://www.choosethatfuture.org/support-scholarship/chicago-chapter-of-tuskegee-airmen

Scholarship Description: The Chicago Chapter of Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. will provide awards to qualified high school seniors who will attend an accredited institution as a full-time student the fall of the succeeding school year.

Scholarship Award Amount: $1000.00 for students or the Dr. Perez Award, $1500.00 to students pursuing Aviation, Engineering and Medical Sciences

Renewable: No

Scholarship Qualifications: Applicants must be students of accredited high schools who have graduated or will graduate in the school year 2013-2014. Applying students must have a GPA of at least three points (3.0) on a four-point scale, and ACT of 18 or higher.

Required Documentation: Prior to an optional face-to-face interview with the Educational Assistance Committee, the entire application package is evaluated. Before mailing, the applicant should verify the total package by verifying and checking the boxes below:  
1. Completed application  
2. High school transcript, evidencing a minimum 3.0 grade point average  
3. An essay titled “The Tuskegee Airmen”, typed, double-spaced not to exceed one (1) page  
4. An essay titled “I Am”, typed, double-spaced not to exceed two (2) pages  
5. One letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor, coach or other school official  
6. One letter of recommendation from a community leader, faith leader or other non-academic, non-family member

Open to DREAMers: Yes

Scholarship Deadline: February 28, 2014
February

Scholarship Name: Chicago Mercantile Exchange Mayoral Award for Student Achievement Scholarship

Website: http://www.cmegroup.com/company/center-for-innovation/mayoral-award.html

Application: Will become available in November. Can also access through chooseyourfuture.org/scholarships.

Scholarship Description: Chicago Public Schools counselors, college and career coaches, and teachers will have the opportunity to nominate up to three high school seniors from their school to be considered for the CME Group Center for Innovation Mayoral Award for Student Achievement scholarship. The nominated students should have outstanding extracurricular activities, excellent academic achievement and be considered leaders of their class. A strong interest in a business or business-related field is required as these students will also become eligible to be considered for the summer employment program. This can be evidenced as a planned college major in business or in a business-related field.

Scholarship Award Amount: $1,000  Renewable: No

Scholarship Qualifications: Chicago Public School high school senior
• MUST be nominated by school principal or counselor or college and career coach
• Excellent academic achievement
• Career goal/college major in business or a business related field
• A minimum grade-point average of 3.0
• Excellent attendance (90% or higher)

Required Documents: ACT and/or SAT Scores
• Official Transcript
• Essay Question response
• Class Rank
• Student form
• High School Counselor form
• Grade Point Average
• Statement of Purpose
• W9 form completed by student
• Attendance Records
• Reference form

Open to DREAMers: Only those who have completed the Deferred Action process (also known as DACA) and have obtained a SSN

Scholarship Deadline: February 14, 2014

Scholarship Name: Chicano Organizing Research in Education (CORE) Scholarship

Website: http://www.ca-core.org/que_llueva_cafe

Scholarship Description: CORE proudly sponsors this scholarship to help undocumented students continue on their academic path. This scholarship is a response to the lack of financial assistance provided to students, who do not have the legal documentation, that attend college in the United States. In particular, we seek to support undocumented students that have met the rigorous academic requirements asked of them and hold the academic promise to achieve so much more.

Scholarship Award Amount: Varies  Renewable: Varies

Scholarship Qualifications: There no minimum requirements for this scholarship. Please check the website for updated information.

Required Documentation: Complete Application
• Your personal story, which takes into account financial need and other compelling challenges the applicant has had to endure
• Extra-currucular involvement, which includes anything you do outside of class like community involvement, work, and clubs
• Your academic promise, which is not limited to GPA or test scores but, more importantly, looks at your academic potential for the future.

Open to DREAMers: Yes

Scholarship Deadline: This scholarship has a February deadline. Please check the website for updates.
February

**Scholarship Name: City Treasurer’s Black History Month Essay Competition**

**Website:** [http://www.chooseyourfuture.org/support-scholarship/black-history-month-essay-competition](http://www.chooseyourfuture.org/support-scholarship/black-history-month-essay-competition)

**Scholarship Description:** Awarded to CPS African American high school seniors who plan to attend an accredited public or private two or four-year college/university. Scholarship recognizes an African-American student displaying outstanding academic achievement or community involvement. Additional Requirement: Chicago resident.

**Scholarship Award Amount:** $1,000  
**Renewable:** No

**Scholarship Qualifications:** Must be a senior enrolled in a CPS high school. Plan to enroll in an accredited two or four-year institution of higher education or educational institution in the fall of 2013. Minimum GPA of 2.5, and 50 hours of community service.

**Required Documentation:** Official high school transcript; Letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor or college coach familiar with student’s academics; College letter of acceptance; Two essay questions (no more than 500 words each, typed, double-spaced).

**Open to DREAMers:** Only those who have completed the Deferred Action process (also known as DACA) and have obtained a SSN

**Scholarship Deadline:** February 11, 2014


**Scholarship Name: George Pullman Foundation Scholarship**

**Website:** [http://www.pullmanfoundation.org/](http://www.pullmanfoundation.org/)

**Application:** Opens November 15, 2013

**Scholarship Description:** The Pullman Foundation seeks promising college-bound students who demonstrate both academic excellence and financial need. Candidates must be nominated by their guidance counselor or have a family member who has received the award to apply.

**Scholarship Award Amount:** The Foundation awards Pullman Scholars last-dollar scholarships ranging from $200 to $5,000 ($4,000 for incoming first-year students) per year, depending on the scholar’s financial need.

**Renewable:** Yes  
**Number of Years Renewable:** 4

**Scholarship Qualifications:** You are a resident of Cook County IL
- You will be enrolling as a full-time student at an accredited bachelor’s degree-granting institution that is eligible to receive Title IV federal aid and is located within the U.S.
- You demonstrate financial need
- You currently have a 3.0 GPA or higher
- You are eligible to receive state and federal aid and will file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

**Required Documentation:**
- Official academic transcript
- 2014-2015 FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR)
- Two letters of recommendation
- College/university acceptance letter from the institution you will be attending in Fall 2013
- 2014-2015 financial aid award letter
- Documentation verifying any other scholarships or financial awards received

**Open to DREAMers:** No

**Scholarship Deadline:** February 14, 2014
**February**

**Scholarship Name: IIT Boeing Scholars Academy**

*Website:* [http://blogs.iit.edu/boeing_scholars/program/](http://blogs.iit.edu/boeing_scholars/program/)

**Scholarship Description:** Generously supported by a grant from the Boeing Company, the Boeing Scholars Academy at Illinois Institute of Technology is a free, year-round educational enrichment program that offers up to 100 high-achieving, Chicago-area high school sophomores the opportunity to immerse themselves in academic and hands-on experiences in STEM fields (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics). Students will participate in four weeks of intensive, project-based STEM programming at IIT each summer, participate in workshops, field trips, and career exploration events during the school year; receive guidance and support in developing leadership projects (junior year only) and college advising and application assistance (senior year only).

**Scholarship Award Amount:** Two year educational enrichment program  
**Renewal:** N/A

**Scholarship Qualifications:** Be current sophomores (class of 2016) at Chicago-area high schools
- Demonstrated strong performance (A’s and B’s) in a college prep curriculum
- Be on track to take pre-calculus or higher by senior year
- First-generation college students, women, and students from populations underrepresented in STEM fields are especially encouraged to apply

**Required Documentation:** The IIT Boeing Scholars Academy application form and required essay
- Official copy of the student’s high school transcript (including 2013 fall grades)
- One recommendation form completed by one of the student’s high school teachers
- One recommendation form completed by another adult of the student’s choice

**Open to DREAMers:** Yes

**Scholarship Deadline:** February 6, 2014

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**Scholarship Name: Illinois Chemical Education High School Senior Scholarship**

*Website:* [http://www.cicil.net/highschoolscholarshipapplication.aspx](http://www.cicil.net/highschoolscholarshipapplication.aspx)  
*Application:* Will become available online late Oct/early Nov

**Scholarship Description:** The Chemical Industry Council of Illinois, through the Illinois Chemical Education Foundation (ICEF) presents a number of scholarships each year to top high school senior science students. The ICEF’s objective is to recognize and honor those seniors who have exemplified outstanding achievement in academics, extracurricular/employment activities and community involvement.

**Scholarship Award Amount:** $2,000  
**Renewable:** No

**Scholarship Qualifications:** High school scholarship applicants must be an Illinois resident and plan to attend a post-secondary educational institution (i.e. junior college, community college, four-year undergraduate institution) located in Illinois.

**Required Documentation:** Name, address (include zip code), and telephone number only on a cover page
- Official high school transcript including grade point average with scale and class rank
- ACT/SAT/PSAT scores (Either through Official transcript or from the ACT)
- Two letters of recommendation from teachers, including one science teacher
- A one page essay on “How the study of chemistry will impact the applicant’s future and/or chosen career”
- List of extracurricular activities, including community service, awards and accomplishments, and employment/work experience

**Open to DREAMers:** Yes

**Scholarship Deadline:** February 28, 2014 (postmark date); Must be received by March 5, 2014

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February

Scholarship Name: Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholarship

Website: http://www.jackierobinson.org/  Application: Will become available online in October

Scholarship Description: Students must be minority U.S. citizens, demonstrate high level of academic achievement, leadership potential, financial need, and have an ACT score of at least 21.

Scholarship Award Amount: Varies  Renewable: Yes  Number of Years Renewable: 4

Scholarship Qualifications:
- Be a graduating, minority high school senior
- Plan to attend an accredited and approved four–year institution within the United States
- Show leadership potential demonstrate a dedication to community service
- Present evidence of financial need
- Be a United States citizen
- Minimum SAT score of 1,000 combined on the math and critical reading sections or a composite ACT score of 21
- Cannot possess a degree from a 2 or 4–year college when applying for the scholarship

Required Documentation:
- A completed and submitted online application
- One (1) letter of recommendation submitted online only
- SAT or ACT scores sent to the Foundation directly from the testing agencies. The Foundation’s college codes are: SAT 4248/ACT: 6570
- Official high school transcript
- Proof of U.S. citizenship
- Student Aid Report

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: February 15, 2014

Scholarship Name: Lowe’s Scholarship

Website: http://careers.lowes.com/college_recruiting_scholarship.aspx#1


Scholarship Description: The Lowe’s Scholarship’s purpose is to help young people in the communities where Lowe’s does business to get a strong educational foundation. Lowe’s will award one hundred forty scholarships to high school seniors who intend to enroll full-time in an undergraduate course of study in the U.S. for the 2013/2014 school year.

Scholarship Award Amount: $2,500  Renewable: No

Scholarship Qualifications:
- Be current high school seniors
- Maintain a minimum 3.25 GPA (on a 4.0 scale)
- Demonstrate a history of commitment to their community through leadership activities, community service and/or work experience
- Full time attendance in a U.S. institution pursuing an undergraduate course of study

Required Documentation: Completed on-line application

Open to DREAMers: Yes

Scholarship Deadline: February 28, 2014
February

Scholarship Name: The McKinsey Diverse Young Leaders Scholarship

Website and Application: http://chicagodiversityscholars.mckinsey.com/

Scholarship Description: The McKinsey Diverse Young Leaders Scholarship was established with the goal of supporting and building relationships with promising and diverse Chicago Public Schools students. Award includes being matched with a mentor from the McKinsey Chicago office, and a guaranteed interview for a McKinsey summer internship after sophomore or junior year of college, or a guaranteed interview for a full-time position after senior year (interview will be for a role with your choice of any of McKinsey’s Midwest locations: Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit, Minneapolis, Pittsburgh).

Scholarship Award Amount: $5,000 or $1,000  Renewable: No

Scholarship Qualifications:
- Be a student at Chicago Public Schools graduating in Spring 2014
- Be of Hispanic, Latino/Latina or African American race or ethnicity
- Be able to establish to McKinsey evidence of your identity and right to work in the U.S.
- Have a minimum unweighted GPA of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale
- ACT minimum score of 25 or a minimum SAT score of 1740
- Have plans to enroll at a four-year accredited institution during the 2014-2015 academic year

Required Documentation: Online application form; one 250- to 500-word personal statement; one letter of recommendation; unofficial high school transcript and test scores

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: February 15, 2014

Scholarship Name: Monsignor Egan Hope Scholarship

Website: http://www.depaul.edu/admission-and-aid/Pages/scholarships.aspx

Scholarship Description: The Egan Hope Scholarship Program was initiated in 1992 to honor Monsignor John Egan on the 50th anniversary of his ordination into the priesthood. The program was developed in response to a need for initiatives that would enable inner-city students from Chicago neighborhoods to earn college degrees.

Scholarship Award Amount: $15,500  Renewable: Yes  Number of Years Renewable: 4

Scholarship Qualifications: To be considered, you must prove residency within the City of Chicago, graduate from a City of Chicago high school and demonstrate need as determined by the FAFSA. You must have an exceptional record of social activism, leadership and community service. Recipients are required to commit to social activism, serve as a community leader, fulfill community service projects and participate in events determined by supervisors in the Office of Multicultural Student Success, including sessions with staff for advising, mentoring and assessment.

Required Documentation: Application to DePaul University by early action deadline of November 15th; FAFSA

Open to DREAMers: Yes

Scholarship Deadline: Feb 1, 2014

Scholarship Name: National Co-Op Scholarship


Scholarship Description: The National Commission awards merit co-op scholarships to accepted students at their partner institutions.

Scholarship Award Amount: Varies for every institution  Renewable: Yes at partner institutions  Number of Years Renewable: 4

Scholarship Qualifications: Have a cumulative high school GPA of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale; Complete all the required admissions applications material and be accepted for the 2014-2015 academic year at one of the WACE Partner Institutions listed (Drexel University; Rochester Institute of Technology; Johnson & Wales University; University of Cincinnati; Kettering University; University of Toledo; Wentworth Institute of Technology).

Required Documentation: We do NOT require transcripts or recommendations. Please do not send them.

Open to DREAMers: Unknown

Scholarship Deadline: February 14, 2014 (Clarkson early action and Johnson and Wales deadline is February 1, 2014)
February

Scholarship Name: National Peace Essay Contest

Website: www.usip.org/npec Application: On November 1, 2013, coordinator and student registration will open online

Scholarship Description: The United States depends on knowledgeable and thoughtful students—the next generation of leaders—to build peace with freedom and justice among nations and peoples. In the belief that questions about peace, justice, freedom, and security are vital to civic education, the United States Institute of Peace established the National Peace Essay Contest to expand educational opportunities for young Americans.

Scholarship Award Amount: 1 National award, first place: $10,000*; 1 National award, second place: $5,000*; 1 National award, third place: $2,500*; 53 State awards, first place: $1,000 each (*national awards include state award amounts)

Renewable: No

Scholarship Qualifications: Students are eligible to participate if they are in grades nine through twelve in any of the fifty states, the District of Columbia, the U.S. territories, or if they are U.S. citizens attending high school overseas. Students may be attending a public, private, or parochial school. Entries from home-schooled students are also accepted. Previous first-place state winners and immediate relatives of directors or staff of the Institute are not eligible to participate. Previous honorable mention recipients are eligible to enter. Students must have a contest coordinator who can review the essays and act as the key contact between participants and the Institute.

Required Documentation: Essay

Open to DREAMers: Yes

Scholarship Deadline: February 3, 2014 at 11:59 EST

Scholarship Name: Northeastern Illinois University Presidential Scholarship

Website: www.neiu.edu/scholarships

Scholarship Description: The Presidential Scholarship Program attracts graduating high school seniors who demonstrate strong academic promise from the Chicago metropolitan and suburban areas. Through the support of this scholarship students are able to concentrate on their academic studies and be engaged in college life. Recipients of this scholarship major in academic fields such as business, music, social work, earth science, education, biology, and psychology just to name a few. Presidential Scholars participate in the University Honors Program, take advantage of study abroad opportunities, and are involved in a variety of student organizations on campus, which enhance their leadership skills and commitment to service learning. Scholarship covers full in-state tuition and fees and provides a book allowance for four academic years provided the recipient maintains a 3.50 GPA each year.

Scholarship Award Amount: Over $40,000 for four years (approximate value)

Renewable: Yes Number of Years Renewable: 4

Scholarship Qualifications: Must be admitted to Northeastern Illinois University.

- Must have an earned composite score of 27 or higher on the ACT (or SAT score of 1220).
- Must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.35 or higher.
- Must be a graduate of an Illinois high school and be an Illinois resident.
- Must complete a scholarship application.
- Must complete two essay questions, which can be found on the scholarship application.
- Must provide a résumé listing academic honors, involvement in extracurricular activities and community service, and employment.
- Include three letters of recommendation from teachers or guidance counselors.
- If selected to be a semi-finalist, students will be invited to campus for an interview with the University Scholarship Committee.
- Students who are selected to receive the scholarship are admitted into the University Honors Program.
- Recipients must maintain full-time enrollment (12 or more credit hours per semester).
- Recipients must maintain a minimum 3.50 GPA.

Required Documents: Application, résumé, two essays, three letters of recommendation, and high school transcript.

Open to DREAMers: Yes

Scholarship Deadline: February 15, 2014
**February**

**Scholarship Name:** One Million Degrees Scholarship  
**Website:** [http://www.onemilliondegrees.org/](http://www.onemilliondegrees.org/)  
**Application:** Will become available online in January 2014

**Scholarship Description:** The One Million Degrees Scholarship (OMD), formerly known as the Illinois Education Foundation Signature Scholarship, is designed to provide financial, academic and student support to low-income, high-potential community college students. IEF scholarships combine “last dollar” financial assistance along with a full set of academic support services-including mentorship, tutoring and academic advising to empower more Illinois college students to achieve their degrees and reach their full potential.

**Scholarship Award Amount:** The OMD Scholarship provides financial assistance through a “last-dollar” tuition assistance scholarship, which provides for any costs not covered by a student’s financial aid and through a need-based stipend of up to $750 per semester.

**Renewal:** Yes  
**Number of Years Renewable:** 4

**Scholarship Qualifications:**
- Be enrolled or planning to enroll at one of the following community colleges: Malcolm X, Richard J. Daley, Harold Washington, Wright, Olive-Harvey, Kennedy-King, Truman, Prairie State or South Suburban.
- Be enrolled full-time for the 2014-2015 academic year and be pursuing their first degree or certificate
- Have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher
- Be U.S. citizens or legal permanent residents eligible for federal and state financial aid
- File the FAFSA
- Be highly motivated and committed to their own academic and professional success

**Required Documentation:** Online application with supplement materials. Please check the website for updated information.

**Open to DREAMers:** No

**Scholarship Deadline:** Priority deadline: February 28th; Late deadline: April 10, 2014

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**Scholarship Name:** Phi Beta Kappa Chicagoland Area Scholarship  
**Website:** [http://www.chooseyourfuture.org/support-scholarship/phi-beta-kappa-scholarship](http://www.chooseyourfuture.org/support-scholarship/phi-beta-kappa-scholarship)

**Application:** Will become available online by the end of December

**Scholarship Description:** The Phi Beta Kappa Association of the Chicago Area (PBKACA) will offer a one-year $5,000 scholarship ($2,500 per semester) to an outstanding graduate from the Chicago Public Schools for continuation of his/her education in college. The scholarship will have both merit- and need-based criteria, recognizing superior academic talent, personal character, and financial need.

**Scholarship Award Amount:** $5,000  
**Renewable:** Possibly, depends upon the availability of funds

**Scholarship Qualifications:**
- Chicago resident; Chicago Public Schools student; ACT Score of 27 and above

**Required Documentation:** Application with supplemental materials. Please check the website for updated information.

**Open to DREAMers:** No

**Scholarship Deadline:** February 1, 2014

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**Scholarship Name:** Que Llueva Café Scholarship  
**Website:** [http://www.ca-core.org/](http://www.ca-core.org/)

**Scholarship Description:** The “Que Llueva Café” Scholarship aims to support the dreams, hopes and aspirations of college bound undocumented students so that they can earn their college education and allow for all of their hard work and sacrifice to persevere. This scholarship program strives to make a world of difference. ¡Ójala que llueva café!  
**Website Notes:** Go to “Que Llueva Café.”

**Scholarship Award Amount:** $500  
**Renewable:** No

**Scholarship Qualifications:**
- Must be of Chicano/Latino descent.
- Must be an undocumented student. We define an undocumented student as someone who was born outside of the U.S. but lives here without the legal permission of the federal government.
- Must be or will be a high school/GED graduate who will enroll for the first time in an accredited college or university in the U.S. or Puerto Rico for the 2013-2014 academic year. Due to limited funds, students enrolled in college after they have graduated will not be considered.
- Must demonstrate financial need.
- Must demonstrate academic potential and promise.

**Required Documentation:** Complete Application

**Open to DREAMers:** Yes

**Scholarship Deadline:** This scholarship has an early February deadline. Please check the website for updated information.
March

Scholarship Name: 2014 CRCA Scholarship

Website: http://www.crca.org/crca_scholarship/index.htm  Application: Will become available online mid December

Scholarship Description: The Chicago Roofing Contractors Association will award are least one $3,000 renewable scholarship to a high school senior who will enter college in September each year in the following programs – liberal arts and sciences, engineering, architecture or business. The scholarship recipient will be selected on the basis of academic performance, faculty recommendation, extracurricular activities, employment experience, and a demonstrated interest in a productive career.

Scholarship Award Amount: $3,000  Renewable: Yes  Number of Years Renewable: 4

Scholarship Qualifications: High school seniors provisionally accepted as full-time students into undergraduate degree programs by four year accredited colleges for the following fields of study - liberal arts and sciences, engineering, architecture or business.
- ACT composite of 28 or greater

Required Documentation: A completed 3-page application form
- Two completed Personal Reference Forms. One from a high school faculty member/guidance counselor; the second is to be from an non-related adult outside the high school faculty. No other recommendations should be attached.
- An official transcript of all high school records.
- Official ACT Results (either directly from ACT or included on high school transcript or a photocopy of the ACT score accompanied by a letter of authenticity from high school guidance counselor)

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: March 7, 2014

Scholarship Name: AKA Imani Pearls Community Development Foundation Scholarship

Website: http://www.chiomegaomegachapter.org/index1.html

Scholarship Description: The Imani Pearls Community Development Foundation is pleased to offer scholarships to high school seniors and continuing undergraduate college students from the Englewood, Bronzeville, Hyde Park, Grand Boulevard, or Washington Park community. The purpose of this scholarship is to provide financial assistance to African-American high school and college students to assist them with achieving their academic goals.

Scholarship Award Amount: $1,000  Renewable: No

Scholarship Qualifications: Have an unweighted 2.8 grade point average or higher
- Proof of at least 30 hours of community service
- Attend a high school in the Englewood, Hyde Park, Bronzeville, Grand Boulevard, or Washington Park community

Required Documentation: A completed scholarship application
- Submission of a typed essay (500 words/one page)
- Topic: Discuss how you will serve and/or positively impact your local community, or an underserved Chicago community, upon completion of your academic goals.
- Three letters of recommendation written during the current academic year (2013-2014)
- The most recent (sealed) official transcript
- Proof of an acceptance letter to college or university

Open to DREAMers: Unknown

Scholarship Deadline: This scholarship has a March deadline. Please check the website in the spring for details.
March

Scholarship Name: All About Pink Breast Cancer Foundation Scholarship

Website: http://allaboutpink.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=51&Itemid=72

Application: Will be available online January 25th

Scholarship Description: The purpose of our scholarship program is to provide support to families with college age students whose parent is suffering from Breast Cancer or who have succumbed to the disease. The scholarships are intended to provide financial assistance to those students who might otherwise be unable to obtain a college education. Additional Requirements: Applicant must be the natural, adoptive or step child of a Breast Cancer survivor or parent who has succumbed to Breast Cancer.

Scholarship Award Amount: $1,000 Renewable: No

Scholarship Qualifications: Application for scholarship must be submitted by the student him/herself, including a photograph of the applicant (for publicity purposes only) to the All About Pink Education Committee on or before the application due date of March 2013.

• Applicant must be a graduating high school senior or entering college freshman.
• Applicant must be the natural, adoptive or step child of a Breast Cancer survivor or parent who has succumbed to Breast Cancer.
• The scholarship requires a minimum GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale or equivalent for each year.
• Exceptions to certain requirements may be made by the All About Pink Education Committee.

Required Documentation: Completed application

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: March 25, 2014

Scholarship Name: Blacks at Microsoft Scholarship


Application: Will become available after January 1st

Scholarship Description: Blacks at Microsoft (BAM) is a company-sponsored employee network dedicated to supporting the continued growth and development of black employees at Microsoft Corporation. This year, BAM will award two US$5,000 scholarships to outstanding high-school seniors who are interested in pursuing careers in technology. The scholarships are renewable, so winners who continue to meet the criteria can receive an annual $5,000 award for up to four years.

Scholarship Award Amount: $5,000 for up to four years

Renewable: Yes Number of Years Renewable: 4

Scholarship Qualifications: Be a high-school senior of African descent (for example, African-American, African, or Ethiopian).

• Plan to attend a four-year college or university in the fall of the year following high-school graduation.
• Plan to pursue a bachelor’s degree in engineering, computer science, computer information systems, or select business programs (such as finance, business administration, or marketing).
• Demonstrate a passion for technology.
• Demonstrate leadership at school or in the community.
• Have a cumulative GPA of 3.3 or higher.
• Require financial assistance to attend college.

Required Documentation: 1. Official Application
2. Two letters of recommendation
3. Resume with extracurricular activities, honors, awards, and work experience (remember, interest in technology is considered!)
4. Picture of yourself
5. Official Transcript
6. Two Essays

Open to DREAMers: Yes

Scholarship Deadline: Mail your completed application to the address below by March 1st. You will receive a response by April 15th.
The Seattle Foundation
c/o BAM Scholarship
1200 5th Avenue, Ste. 1300
Seattle, WA 98101
March

**Scholarship Name: Chicago Public Schools UNCF Scholarship**

Website: [http://www.uncf.org/](http://www.uncf.org/)

Application: [http://www.uncf.org/sections/ForStudents/SS_Scholarships/scholarDetailSGA.asp?id=732](http://www.uncf.org/sections/ForStudents/SS_Scholarships/scholarDetailSGA.asp?id=732)

Scholarship Description: The Chicago Public Schools UNCF Scholarship provides 4-year renewable scholarships to CPS high school seniors who have a demonstrated financial need, academic leadership potential and plan to attend one of the 38 UNCF member colleges or universities.

Scholarship Award Amount: Up to $10,000 based on need  
Renewable: Yes  
Number of Years Renewable: 4

Scholarship Qualifications:
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5/4.0
- Minimum ACT of 17
- Senior attending a Chicago Public School
- Must graduate by June 2014
- Must attend a UNCF member institution

Required Documentation:
- Letters of recommendation
- Official Transcript
- Must participate in an interview if selected as a finalist
- Letter of acceptance to UNCF college (at time of interview if selected as a finalist)

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: March 28, 2014

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**Scholarship Name: Chicago Summer Business Institute**

Website: [http://www.chicagobusinessinstitute.com/how-to-apply/](http://www.chicagobusinessinstitute.com/how-to-apply/)

Application: Will become available January 31, 2014

Scholarship Description: CSBI is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit charitable organization (Illinois Corporation) which provides paid summer internships, business and financial literacy education and scholarships to Chicago high school students. It is not simply a matter of giving a student a job — it’s an opportunity to positively influence a young life.

Scholarship Award Amount: Paid summer internship  
Renewable: No

Scholarship Qualifications:
- Sophomore or Junior, must participate in a CSBI Workshop, 3.0 GPA, resident of the City of Chicago and Student must have an annual family income of $60,000 a year or less

Required Documentation:
- Valid Social Security Card, parent/guardian must sign Certificate of Income Verification Form, and two essays

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: March 31, 2014

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**Scholarship Name: Chicago Urban League Scholarship**

Website: [http://www.thechicagourbanleague.org/](http://www.thechicagourbanleague.org/)

Application: Will become available online January 2014

Scholarship Description: A unique aspect of the program is assistance in the applicant review and awardee selection process by members of the CUL Education Advisory Committee’s Scholarship Program Committee, who are professionals in the fields of education, business, civic leadership and labor. Website notes: Go to “project next” and select “Education.” Click on “Scholarships.”

Scholarship Award Amount: Awards from $1,000-$4,000  
Renewable: No

Scholarship Qualifications:
- Have participated in Chicago Urban League programs
  - Must be a minority, Possess a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale)
  - Demonstrate financial need
  - Meet student status requirements for specific awards

Required Documentation:
- Completed scholarship application with a photograph
  - One typed essay
  - One letter of recommendation (non-family)
  - Official transcript of grades (most recent high school transcript for seniors or college students
  - Student Aid Report (SAR), Proof of current enrollment or acceptance in a college/university
  - Proof of financial status/income (most recent tax returns or proof of SSI, public aid, or unemployment)

Open to DREAMers: Yes

Scholarship Deadline: March 30, 2014
March

**Scholarship Name: The Colonel Henry Crown Scholarship Fund (Junior Achievement)**

**Website:** http://www.jachicago.org/uploads/Scholarships%20Fiscal%202013%20Descriptions.doc

**Application:** Will become available December 15th

**Scholarship Description:** The fund will be used to provide a scholarship program for qualified Chicago area youth and will be administered by Junior Achievement.

**Scholarship Award Amount:** $5,000 per year for a four year period

**Renewable:** Yes  **Number of Years Renewable:** 4

**Scholarship Qualifications:** Applicants must have participated in a Junior Achievement high school program and be recommended by their teacher and/or business volunteer. Applicants must have had an average of 3.0 on a scale of 4.0 or better, beginning in their sophomore year in high school, and shall furnish a complete, signed transcript of past and current high school class work.

**Required Documentation:**
- Signed transcript of past and current high school class work
- SAT, ACT or PSAT college entrance exams shall be included, if available
- A letter of recommendation from the principal, counselor or teacher of the school he/she attended
- Applicants should submit a personal essay, enumerating his/her reasons for desiring to continue their education, along with a short biography including extracurricular activities, community service, and how involvement with Junior Achievement has affected their life. Applicants will be selected on an objective and non-discriminatory basis.
- Applications should, if possible, include evidence of acceptance or tentative acceptance at an institution of higher learning of their choice.

**Open to DREAMers:** Yes

**Scholarship Deadline:** March 10, 2014

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**Scholarship Name: Chicago Alumnae Chapter Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Scholarship**

**Website:** http://chicagodeltas.com/  **Application:** Will be posted on the Choose Your Future website on December 1st

**Scholarship Description:** Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is a public service sorority founded in 1913. Each year, the Chicago Alumnae Chapter awards academic scholarships to select high school seniors who will attend a four-year college or university. To qualify, the applicant cannot be related to a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated. The scholarship packet is annually distributed to CPS high school counselors and coaches. There is no citizenship requirement.

**Scholarship Award Amount:** Varies  **Renewable:** Varies

**Scholarship Qualifications:** African-American graduating senior during the academic year 2013 - 2014.
- Student must be a resident of Chicago and a CPS student.
- Minimum GPA of 2.5 and demonstrate financial need.
- Attend one of the high schools selected for the academic calendar year in order to apply.
- Applications from other high schools will not be considered - no exceptions.

**Required Documentation:**
- Official transcript; Personal statement; 3 letters of recommendation; ACT/SAT scores; FAFSA/SAR; college letter of acceptance

**Open to DREAMers:** Yes, if they meet the ethnicity requirement

**Scholarship Deadline:** March 1, 2014
March

**Scholarship Name: Education for Excellence Scholarship**

**Website:** http://www.educate4excel.org/apply/apply.html

**Scholarship Description:** Education for Excellence Scholarship Foundation, Inc. The “Foundation” will provide at least two (2) monetary awards to selective Chicago Public Schools High School seniors who meet the requirements of the Foundation’s application process. The purpose of the monetary award is to assist the student with the expense and financial obligations of college attendance. The scholarships will be publicized through the internet and print media.

**Scholarship Award Amount:** $1,000  
**Renewable:** No

**Scholarship Qualifications:** Be a senior high school student attending a Chicago Public High School;  
Possess a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 (unweighted) on a 4.0 scale

**Required Documentation:** Complete and submit the Education for Excellence Scholarship Foundation application packet:
A. Submit two type-written essays (no more than 3 pages each, 12 font, Times New Roman Style, double-spaced). First essay should include the Applicant’s Personal Statement (this can include, but is not limited to, current extracurricular activities, academics, future aspirations in post secondary education, financial need, and career goals). The topic of the second essay is: If you could develop a program in Chicago to help stop violence what would it be and why do you feel it would be effective?
B. Submit one letter of recommendation: The letter may come from a teacher or counselor who can account for the Applicant’s academics who has known the applicant one year or more OR from an adult who has known the Applicant for at least two years and who is not a family member. This person should be able to comment on the Applicant’s personal growth and achievements; must include recommender’s contact info.

Your 2013-2014 official transcript must be submitted in a sealed school envelope from your high school.

**Open to DREAMers:** Yes

**Scholarship Deadline:** March 1, 2014

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**Scholarship Name: Ernest Wentcher Educational Fund Scholarship**

**Website:** http://wentcherfoundation.org/

**Application:** http://www.chooseyourfuture.org/support-scholarship/wentcher-educational-fund-scholarship

**Scholarship Description:** The Wentcher Foundation is proud to have awarded 139 scholarships over the past 12 years to a highly talented and diverse group of seniors from CPS high schools across the Chicago. This year, 10-15 CPS seniors will again be selected Wentcher Scholars. Selection is based on talent, need and character. Scholarships are renewable for 3 additional years designed to help meet required expenses in pursuing undergraduate education. Wentcher Scholars may attend any accredited US college or university. Please note: this scholarship does not cover study abroad.

**Scholarship Award Amount:** $7,500 per year  
**Renewable:** Yes  
**Number of Years Renewable:** 4

**Scholarship Qualifications:** Minimum GPA of 3.0 or higher, include class rank (if available); Composite ACT of 20

**Required Documentation:** Completed Wentcher Scholarship Application
- Two letters of recommendation from individuals outside applicant’s family attesting to suitability to be a Wentcher Scholar. Suggest reference letters come from a teacher, counselor, or college and career coach.
- CPS transcript (unofficial copies are accepted)
- ACT and/or SAT scores
- Essay describing “Why I Should Receive a Wentcher Scholarship”
- Student Aid Report (SAR). SAR is issued as a result of the submission of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form. Please note: applicants must complete an FAFSA form on or soon after January 1, 2014 in order to receive a SAR in time for submitting your Wentcher Application before the deadline. Go to www.fafsa.gov to complete the FAFSA form.
- Do not submit completed files until January 15, 2014. Complete files must be received in the office on the deadline, not postmarked or in the CPS internal mail system. Incomplete or late applications will not be processed, no exceptions.

Send all required documentation no earlier than January 15, 2014 in one envelope addressed to:  
Chicago Public Schools, c/o Marcia Boyd, Wentcher Foundation Scholarship, 125 S Clark Street, 12th Floor (GSR# 125)  
Chicago, IL  60603

**Open to DREAMers:** No

**Scholarship Deadline:** March 1, 2014, or until the first 350 applications are received
March

Scholarship Name: Foster Care to Success

Website: http://www.fc2success.org/our-programs/information-for-students/

Application: Will become available online after January 1, 2014

Scholarship Description: Foster Care to Success (FC2S) scholarships are awarded based on a combination of merit and need, and funding levels are determined based on cost of attendance and availability of other resources.

Scholarship Award: Ranges from $1,500 to $6,000 per academic year Renewable: Yes Number of Years Renewable: Up to 5

Scholarship Qualifications: Have been in foster care or orphaned while living in the United States. U.S. citizenship is not required.
- Have been accepted into or expect to be accepted into an accredited, Pell-eligible college or other post-secondary school.
- Be under the age of 25 on March 31 of the year in which they first apply. (March 31, 2014)
- Have been in public or private foster care for the 12 consecutive months prior to their 18th birthday; OR have been adopted or placed into legal guardianship from foster care after their 16th birthday; OR they must have been orphaned for at least one year at the time of their 18th birthday.

Open to DREAMers: Yes

Scholarship Deadline: March 31, 2014

Scholarship Name: Gread “Lefty” McKinnis Memorial Scholarship

Website: http://www.glmmf.org/

Application: http://www.chooseyourfuture.org/support-scholarship/gread-lefty-mckinnis-memorial-foundation-scholarship

Scholarship Description: Gread “Lefty” McKinnis was a pitcher in the famous Negro Baseball League. The Memorial Foundation Scholarship was created to provide financial assistance to high school seniors who are admitted to an accredited two or four-year college or university. The GLMMF College Scholarship Fund provides male African American high school seniors with assistance in pursuing higher education. Each year, the Foundation awards at least one college scholarship to a graduating senior at a school of need. Additional Requirements: Chicago resident; community service or civic involvement considered.

Scholarship Award Amount: $1,000 Renewable: No

Scholarship Qualifications: African American male who is a U.S. Citizen
- Current high school senior admitted to a two or four-year accredited college or university for Fall 2014
- Commit to attend the Scholarship Presentation Gala in June 2014

Required Documentation:
- Completed application
- Copy of letter of acceptance to an accredited two or four-year college/university
- Official high school transcript and ACT scores
- Two letters of recommendation (letters should include the recommenders relationship to applicant and number of years known. Types of recommendations: 1. Personal recommendation and 2. Professional recommendation), three 100-word personal statement responses and current photograph.

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: March 15, 2014 (postmark date)
March

Scholarship Name: Guadalupe A. Reyes Fiesta Del Sol Scholarship

Website: http://fiestadelsol.org/scholarship/

Scholarship Description: The scholarship committee at Pilsen Neighbors Community Council (PNCC) encourages first time college students and or undergraduates to apply for this scholarship. The scholarship program offers an opportunity for students to earn $1,500 for their college expenses, but more than that, we strive to give students an opportunity to exercise leadership skills, learn relationship building and teamwork, by working with us at Fiesta del Sol.

Scholarship Award Amount: $1,500

Renewable: No

Scholarship Qualifications: Be of Latino/Hispanic descent and live within the following boundaries:

- Live on the Southwest side of Chicago, between 16th to 79th streets, and between Cicero Ave., (4800 West) and Canal (500 West), OR Be a volunteer at PNCC
- Must be sponsored by member institution of Gamaliel of Metro Chicago.
- Be enrolled at an accredited college or university in an undergraduate degree-seeking, or certificate program, OR be a Senior in High school, accepted to an undergraduate, degree-seeking or certificate program
- Have earned a cumulative minimum of a 2.5 GPA (on a 4-point scale or its equivalence)
- Demonstrate community or school service
- Demonstrate financial need.

Required Documentation: Completed application
- Two original recommendation letters on official letterhead from places where you have provided school or community service
- One letter must be from a school official
- Official high school transcript (if applicable). College students with 30 credits or more do not have to submit a high school transcript
- A copy of the applicant’s 2013 federal tax form. (Parents’ tax form will also be required if student is under the age of 24)
- Resume
- A copy of the 2014/15 award letter from your colleges’ financial aid office
- Essay: double-spaced, typed 250-400 words

Open to DREAMers: Yes

Scholarship Deadline: March 15, 2014. Mail application and other required credentials to: University Round Table, Gamaliel of Metro Chicago, 2026 S. Blue Island Ave., Chicago, IL 60608

Scholarship Name: HACEMOS Scholarship Program: Chicago Chapter

Website: http://scholarships.hispanicfund.org/applications/subsectionid.1,pageid.291/default.asp

Scholarship Description: The HSF/HACEMOS Scholarship Program is designed to assist students of Hispanic heritage and dependents of HACEMOS members obtain a college degree. The individual award amount will range from $1,500-$2,500. Website notes: Go to “Scholarships.” Click “High School Students” then select “HSF/HACEMOS Scholarship.” Preference given to students in financial need.

Scholarship Award Amount: $500-$2,000 Renewable: No

Scholarship Qualifications: Be of Hispanic background or the dependent of an HACEMOS chapter member

- Be a U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident, or, have graduated from a high school in the U.S. after attending at least three years.
- Chicago residency required
- Be enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student for the 2013-2014 academic year at an accredited college or university in the U.S. or Puerto Rico
- Have a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA
- Maintain a permanent residence in, or attend school in, a HACEMOS chapter area (see below)

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: March 15, 2014 (For most accurate information, see website)
**Scholarship Name: Illinois Dream Fund Scholarship**

**Website:** http://illinoisdreamfund.org/index.html  **Application:** Will become available online November 1, 2013

**Scholarship Description:** The Illinois Dream Fund Scholarship seeks to create access to financial resources to further this growth and development for the leaders of tomorrow. With the generous offerings of private donors and in-kind donations, the Illinois Dream Fund Scholarship provides scholarships to undocumented students.

**Scholarship Award Amount:** Two-year institutions: Tuition up to $2,000. Four year institutions: Tuition up to $6,000 (toward first Bachelors degree). Scholarship awards will be paid directly to the school and not the student.

**Renewable:** To be determined

**Scholarship Requirements:**
- Applicants must be incoming freshmen, current undergraduates and transfer students
- 2.5 GPA (on a 4 point scale)
- High school or college minimum GPA of 2.5 (on a 4 point scale)
- Have resided with his or her parent(s) or guardian(s) while attending high school in Illinois;
- Have graduated from a high school or received the equivalent of a high school diploma (GED) in Illinois; after attending an Illinois high school for at least three years

**Required Documents:** Completed Application with student signature
- High School Transcript
- College Transcript(s) (if applicable)
- Parent Income Tax Return(s) signed & dated
- 2 Letters of Recommendation from non-family members who are/were your teacher, professor, counselor, school administrator or academic advisor
- Student Income Tax return signed & dated (if applicable)
- Essay(s)

**Open to DREAMers:** Yes

**Scholarship Deadline:** March 1, 2014

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**Scholarship Name: IPLAC Educational Foundation Scholarship**

**Website:** http://www.iplac.org/About/scholarship.shtml  **Application:** Will become available online in November

**Scholarship Description:** The IPLAC Educational foundation has been organized by the Intellectual Property Law Association of Chicago for the purpose of funding and awarding scholarships to youths who reside in Chicago. Winners are chosen by April 15th.

**Scholarship Award Amount:** $2,500-$5,000  **Renewable:** No

**Scholarship Qualifications:** Be a resident of the Chicagoland Area; Be in the upper 25% of his/her graduating class; Be a Chicago Public School high school student (no charter, private or parochial schools) planning to major in science, engineering or pre-law in college.

**Required Documentation:** Completed application; Transcript, ACT and/or SAT scores; Letters of recommendation; Personal statement, Proposed college major, extracurricular activities, employment history, and financial information (although not tax returns)

**Open to DREAMers:** Yes

**Scholarship Deadline:** This scholarship has a late March deadline. Please check the website for updated information.
March

**Scholarship Name: Jack and Jill of America, Inc. Windy City Scholars**

**Website:** http://www.jackandjillfoundation.org/  
**Application:** Check in January or February 2014

**Scholarship Description:** The Jack and Jill of America Foundation is the philanthropic arm of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. The Foundation's purpose is to provide financial support to organizations that promote leadership development, children, youth and young adults. The Jack and Jill of America Foundation's National Scholarship Program is available to high school seniors who will become and maintain full-time status at an accredited, four year post secondary institution beginning in the fall of the year working toward a bachelor’s degree. Applicants must meet all of the eligibility requirements and deadlines to qualify. Scholarship awards will be applied toward tuition and room & board.

**Scholarship Award Amount:** $1,500 to $2,500  
**Renewable:** Yes  
**Number of Years Renewable:** 4

**Scholarship Qualifications:** Cumulative GPA between 2.5 and 3.4 on a 4.0 scale OR Cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale
- Must reside and attend a school in Chicago
- Must attend an accredited two- or four-year college or university
- Must be a minority

**Required Documentation:** Application
- Recommendation
- Personal essay
- Counselor certification

**Open to DREAMers:** Yes

**Scholarship Deadline:** This scholarship has a March deadline. Please check the website for the most accurate information.

**Scholarship Name: Junior Achievement of Chicago High School Scholarship**

**Website:** http://www.jachicago.org/  
**Application:** Will become available December 15th

**Scholarship Description:** Each year, JA of Chicago gives out thousands of dollars in scholarships and awards to deserving students who have participated in JA programs.

**Scholarship Award Amount:** $1,000 to $5,000  
**Renewable:** No

**Scholarship Qualifications:** Must be a high school senior who has an average of “B” or better. For the general scholarships high school participation is not a requirement but you must have participated in a Junior Achievement program at some point during your academic career (elementary school, middle school or high school).

**Required Documentation:** Copy of the classroom volunteer or teacher rating scale
- Copy of the high school rating scale
- Official transcript
- SAT/ACT/PSAT results
- Letter of recommendation from your principal, teacher or counselor
- Student essay detailing your reasons for wanting to continue your education
- Short biography including extracurricular activities, community service, and how involvement with Junior Achievement has affected your life

**Open to DREAMers:** Yes

**Scholarship Deadline:** March 10, 2014
March

Scholarship Name: Kohl’s Cares Scholarship Program (Elementary & High School Scholarship)

Website: http://www.kohlscorporation.com/CommunityRelations/scholarship/index.asp

Application: Will become available online February 1st

Scholarship Description: Every year, Kohl’s recognizes and rewards young volunteers (ages 6-18) across the country for their amazing contributions to their communities. National Winners will each be awarded a total of $10,000 in scholarships for post-secondary education and Kohl’s will donate $1,000 to a non-profit organization on each winner’s behalf. Additional Requirements: Award based on substantial community service. Students must be nominated.

Scholarship Award Amount: Store winners will receive a $50.00 Kohl’s Gift Card. Over two hundred $1,000 regional scholarship awards for post-secondary education are planned, half to each age group. Ten $10,000 national scholarships for post-secondary education.

Renewable: Yes  Number of Years Renewable: Varies

Scholarship Qualifications: Must be between the ages of 6 and 18 and not yet a high school graduate.
• Actions must be described in detail and should document efforts above and beyond what is expected of a child his or her age.
• Volunteer efforts must have occurred in the last year.
• Winners are chosen based on the project, benefits and outcome.

Required Documentation: Complete Application; Official Transcript; Press Release Form (if selected)

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: March 15, 2014

Scholarship Name: Marriott Scholars Program

Website: http://scholarships.hispanicfund.org/applications/subsectionID.1,pageID.156/default.asp

Scholarship Description: The Marriott Scholars Program can propel you toward your future with the financial support you need and the professional career development you want now, before you graduate. Apply to the Marriott Scholars Program which offers financial support of up to $9,000 per year for four years coupled with opportunities for on-going career guidance and mentoring.

Scholarship Award Amount: Full tuition up to $9,000

Renewable: Yes  Number of Years Renewable: 4

Scholarship Qualifications: Be of Hispanic/Latino heritage
• Be U.S. citizen or permanent resident residing in the United States or Puerto Rico.
• Be an upcoming freshman or sophomore for the 2014-2015 school year, including students who will transfer from a community college to a four-year school as a freshman or sophomore for 2014-2015.
• Plan to enroll as a full-time undergraduate student during the 2014-2015 school year in a hospitality management or culinary program.
• Plan to pursue a degree within the hospitality management, hotel management, culinary, or food beverage field.
• Have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better on a 4.0 scale.

Required Documentation: Official transcript- Uploaded by March 1
• Proof of citizenship status- Uploaded by March 1
• Essay- Submitted online by March 1
• Letter of Recommendation- Submitted online by March 1
• Resume- Submitted online by March 1

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: March 1, 2014 (For most accurate information, see website)
March

Scholarship Name: National Hook-Up of Black Women Scholarship

Website: http://www.nhbwin.com/scholarships.html

Scholarship Description: The Education Committee plans and implements educational programs and activities sponsored by the organization. This Committee enhances the professional development of chapter members through planned activities or workshops on various topics. It maintains communication with scholarship recipients to determine their current educational status, progress and academic accomplishments. It offers mentorship and advisement to current scholarship recipients to strengthen and/or enhance their educational achievements.

Scholarship Award Amount: Two scholarships: $1,000 and $500

Renewable: No

Scholarship Qualifications: African American student, male and female

Graduating Senior (June 2014)

Applicants will plan to attend a two-year, four-year college/university or technical/vocational schools

Required Documentation:

- Complete Application
- One page narrative (see prompt online)
- Transcript (unofficial)
- Proof of acceptance or submitted Application
- Letter of Recommendation from school staff

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: March 31, 2014

Scholarship Name: Norwegian National League of Chicago Scholarships

Website: http://www.nnleague.org/scholarships.html Application: Will become available online December 2013

Scholarship Description: One objective of the Norwegian National League is to encourage children to investigate and learn about our rich cultural heritage. Scholarships and cash prizes are available to children of Norwegian descent residing in the counties of Cook, Lake, DuPage, Kane, McHenry, Will and Kendall for award winning essays and drawings.

Scholarship Award Amount: $1,000

Renewable: No

Scholarship Qualifications: Current 12th grade student; Norwegian ancestry; Minimum 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale

Required Documentation:

- Official High School transcript (sealed)
- Acceptance at a college or university
- 500-word essay on a Norwegian topic

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: March 1, 2014

Scholarship Name: Palumbo Family Foundation Scholarship

Website: http://www.palumbofoundation.org/scholarship/

Application: Will become available online January 1, 2014

Scholarship Description: The Palumbo Family Foundation strives to make a difference in our communities in the Chicagoland area by providing scholarships to well deserving students of lower income families.

Scholarship Award Amount: Minimum of $500 to a maximum of $10,000

Renewable: No

Scholarship Qualifications: Resided for a minimum of six months prior to application date in Cook, Dosage, Kane, Lake, and Will Counties of Illinois; A 2013 annual adjusted gross family income of $44,700 or less; GPA of 3.0 or higher; U.S. Citizen.

Required Documentation:

- IRS 1040 tax form for 2013, showing a combined household adjusted gross income of $44,700 or less
- Current complete transcript(s) of grades (including grading scale) or GED test scores
- Two or more letters of recommendation from a faculty member

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: March 31, 2014
March

Scholarship Name: QBG Foundation Scholarship

Website: http://qbgfoundation.org/

Application: http://qbgfoundation.org/qbg-foundation-scholarship-application-form/

Scholarship Description: The Quentis Bernard Garth Scholarship Foundation provides scholarships to the disenfranchised, college-bound youths of the Chicagoland area. Students must reside in the Chicagoland area, have a letter of acceptance to accredited four-year HBCU college or university and demonstrate financial need. Additional Requirements: Chicago resident; must have a letter of acceptance to accredited four-year HBCU college or university.

Scholarship Award Amount: Up to $10,000 per year Renewable: Yes Number of Years Renewable: 4

Scholarship Qualifications:
- Students must possess a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better to apply.
- Students must be motivated college-bound high school seniors, and must reside in the greater Chicagoland area.
- A letter of acceptance to and will be attending an accredited four-year college or university.
- Students must demonstrate a financial need.
- All qualified students will be requested to appear in person for an interview, where they must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

Required Documentation: Applicants must first submit a one-page letter of interest (LOI) describing their interest, accomplishments and ambitions behind receiving a QBG scholarship.

Open to DREAMers: Unknown

Scholarship Deadline: This scholarship has a March deadline. Please check the website for updated information.

Scholarship Name: QuestBridge’s College Prep Scholarship

Website: http://www.questbridge.org/for-students/cps-how-to-apply

Application: Will become available online mid-February

Scholarship Description: QuestBridge’s College Prep Scholarship provides unparalleled opportunities that level the playing field of college admissions for high-achieving low-income students. Applicants selected as College Prep Scholars will receive one or more of the following awards. Full Scholarships to Summer Programs at Leading Universities. Approximately 25 applicants will receive full scholarships to summer school programs at Brandeis, Emory, Harvard, Notre Dame, Penn, Stanford, or Yale. The scholarships cover the full cost of travel, tuition, health insurance, books, and room and board for the summer program.

Scholarship Award Amount: Full tuition to summer programs at participating universities Renewable: N/A

Scholarship Qualifications:
The QuestBridge College Prep Scholarship is designed for high school juniors who have shown outstanding academic ability despite facing economic challenges. Most College Prep Scholars come from households earning less than $60,000 annually and have experienced long-term economic hardship.

In order to be eligible to apply, students must be juniors who are planning to apply to college during the fall of their senior year.

A note about citizenship requirements: U.S. citizens, Permanent Residents, and international students attending high school in the United States are eligible to apply for the College Prep Scholarship.

Required Documentation:
- A current high school transcript
- Any available test scores
- Information on your family’s financial background (you will need tax forms and possibly pay stubs and bank account statements to complete the required questions, but these materials do not need to be submitted to QuestBridge)
- An essay and short answer questions
- One letter of recommendation from a high school teacher, submitted online or by fax

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: This scholarship has a late March deadline. Please check the website for updated information.
March

**Scholarship Name:** Through the Looking Glass Scholarship  
**Website:** http://www.lookingglass.org/services/national-services/scholarships  
**Application:** Will become available online after January 1, 2014  
**Scholarship Description:** Through the Looking Glass and its National Center for Parents with Disabilities and their Families are pleased to announce new scholarships specifically for high school seniors or college students who have parents with disabilities.  
**Scholarship Award Amount:** Total of fifteen $1,000 scholarships  
**Renewable:** No  
**Scholarship Qualifications:** To be eligible, a student must be a high school graduate (or graduating senior) by Summer 2014, planning to attend accredited vocational or technical school in Fall 2014 in pursuit of an AA, BA or BS degree, and have at least one parent with a disability.  
**Required Documentation:** Completed application  
**Open to DREAMers:** No  
**Scholarship Deadline:** This scholarship has a mid March deadline. Please check the website after Jan 1st for updated information.

**Scholarship Name:** Worldstudio AIGA Scholarship  
**Website:** http://scholarships.worldstudioinc.com/  
**Application:** Will become available online in January 2014  
**Scholarship Description:** Worldstudio Foundation, in conjunction with AIGA, the professional association for design, provides scholarships to minority and economically disadvantaged students who are studying design and arts disciplines in colleges and universities in the United States. To this end, scholarship recipients are selected not only for their ability and need, but also for their demonstrated commitment to positive change in the larger community through their work.  
**Scholarship Award Amount:** Basic scholarships are awarded in the amounts of $2,000–$3,000. One or two top awards may be given in an amount up to $5,000 at the jury’s discretion. Each award is paid directly to the recipient’s school and applied toward tuition.  
**Renewable:** No  
**Scholarship Qualifications:** Applicants must be citizens of the United States or be in possession of a Green Card (formally known as a Permanent Resident Card or Form I-551).  
- Applicants must be pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree in a design or art discipline listed below and intend to pursue that discipline as a career.  
- Applicants must be matriculated (or planning to matriculate) at accredited colleges and universities in the United States for the Fall 2013/Spring 2014 academic year and must maintain full-time status for the entire year.  
- Incoming students who have yet to enroll must submit proof of acceptance from schools of choice.  
- Though not a requirement, minority status is a significant factor that is considered in jury decisions.  
- Students must have at least a 2.0 GPA.  
- Scholarships are only awarded to students who are in financial need; applicants must, therefore, provide complete financial aid information on the scholarship form and have the form signed by a financial aid officer.  
**Required Documentation:**  
1. Completed Application  
2. Portfolio: All work must be in the discipline in which you are pursuing a degree. If you are an incoming freshman you can show examples of any creative work that you have. Must demonstrate work that contributes to positive social change.  
   - Please submit up to 10 examples of your work. You must include at least 5 examples.  
   - All students — except those entering Interactive Design/ Motion Graphics — must provide static artwork or images.  
   - No animations/movies/interactive will be accepted online, you can mail these to us.  
   - Do not send duplicate artwork on disk if it is online.  
   - Please carefully follow the instructions below to insure you provide the best possible portfolio.  
3. Self-portrait: All students will need to upload a self-portrait. The portraits will be used for archival and promotional purposes.  
   Follow the same instructions outlined for portfolio images.  
4. Financial information (FAFSA)  
5. School transcripts  
6. References  
**Open to DREAMers:** No  
**Scholarship Deadline:** This scholarship has a March deadline. Please check the website for updated information.
Scholarship Name: Youth In Scholarship

Website and Application: http://www.youthincare.illinois.gov/Education/YouthInScholarship.htm

Scholarship Description: The DCFS Scholarship Program provides a maximum of 48 scholarships each year, four of which are awarded to children of veterans, to youth the Department has court-ordered legal responsibility for, youth that the Department had legal responsibility for prior to the youth’s adoption being finalized, or youth that are in the Subsidized Guardianship or KinGap Program. Scholarship recipients receive up to four consecutive years of tuition and academic fee waivers to be used at participating Illinois state community colleges and universities, a monthly stipend and a medical card.

Scholarship Award Amount: $471 provided each month for up to four (4) years. Direct deposit is strongly recommended. Medical card provided to Illinois students until the earlier of four years or age 23 Tuition waiver available to any Illinois state fund

Renewable: Yes Number of Years Renewable: 4

Scholarship Qualifications: Open to DCFS youth as well as youth who were formerly in the care of DCFS who are at least 16 years old, but not yet 21 on the scholarship application deadline date of March 31

• The Department must have court-ordered legal guardianship for the applicant or the Department must have had legal guardianship for the applicant prior to the adoption being finalized, or the applicant must be in the Subsidized Guardianship Program.
• Successfully compete for a full-term DCFS college scholarship.
• Maintain at least a “C” average each semester.
• Maintain full-time status (12 hours Fall & Spring, 6 hours or an approved internship in the summer)
• Enrollment will be verified through the National Student Clearinghouse
• Submit your class schedule at the start of each semester and your grades at the end of the semester (no schedule and grades, no payment!)
• Report change of address promptly to Business Office

Required Documentation: Three letters of reference; Essays

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: March 31, 2014
April

Scholarship Name: The 2014 Doty E. Nash Educational Assistance Scholarship

Website: http://www.kingdavid100.com/educationalscholarship.htm

Scholarship Description: The brothers of King David Lodge #100, a subordinate lodge of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, State of Illinois and its Jurisdiction, are proud to announce its first annual Doty E. Nash Educational Assistance Scholarship. Doty E. Nash was a member of King David Lodge #100, where he served as Worshipful Master (President) in 1959. Because of his numerous professional and personal accomplishments, the title of Honorary Past Grand Master was bestowed upon him, one of the highest honors a Master Mason can receive. The objective of this Educational Assistance Fund is to provide financial support to incoming college freshman who exhibit a diligent commitment to fulfill life’s goals through education.

Scholarship Award Amount: $1,000

Renewable: No

Scholarship Qualifications: Be a graduating senior at a Chicago or suburban public or private high school.

Required Documentation: Submit official high school transcripts
• Submit ACT / SAT Scores
• Complete an Application Profile (see application)
• Submit a typewritten argumentative essay (450 to 500 words maximum) on the given topic
• Supply three (3) letters of recommendation. The letters of recommendation shall attest to the applicant’s character and commitment to higher education
• Submit an official acceptance letter from an accredited college or university

Open to DREAMers: Unknown

Scholarship Deadline: April 1, 2014

Scholarship Name: AKArama Foundation, Inc. Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority

Website: http://thetaomega.com/theta-omega-foundation/

Scholarship Description: Scholarship awarded to qualified minority high school student. Additional Requirements: Must be a minority; Chicago resident; ACT 18 or above.

Scholarship Award Amount: $500 - $3,000

Renewable: Varies

Scholarship Qualifications: Must be a 2013 graduating senior attending a Chicago Metropolitan Area High School planning to attend an accredited four-year college or university in the summer or fall of 2013. Must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. Must show proof of acceptance to and enrollment in an accredited four-year college or university before the scholarship is awarded.

Required Documentation: Completed application form
• Two (2) copies of typed essay on given topic
• Two (2) letters of recommendation
• Official sealed high school transcript with raised seal

Open to DREAMers: Yes

Scholarship Deadline: This scholarship’s has an April deadline. Please check website in the spring for updated information.
**April**

**Scholarship Name: Blind Service Association Scholarship**

**Website:** [http://www.blindserviceassociation.org/youth.php](http://www.blindserviceassociation.org/youth.php)  
**Application:** Available in early January 15, 2014

**Scholarship Description:** Every year Blind Service Association awards 20 to 30 scholarships, ranging in amounts from $750 to $3,000, to young people planning to attend a professional school, college, or university. Applications are judged according to academic merit and evidence of community service. Interested individuals must reside in Cook, DuPage, Will, Lake, McHenry or Kane counties in the state of Illinois.

**Scholarship Award Amount:** $750- $3,000  
**Renewable:** No

**Scholarship Qualifications:** A recent eye report (no older than 2 years), certifying legal blindness. There are no other requirements for this scholarship.

**Required Documentation:** Two letters of recommendation from past instructors or other academic professionals who can comment on your scholastic or other achievements. Repeat applicants need only submit one letter of recommendation.

- An autobiographical essay, as described on the last page of the application. Past recipients must submit a summary of precisely how past funded scholarship money was spent.
- Official transcripts of grades from most recent school or schools.
- Proof of your acceptance in an accredited educational institution is required.
- A recent eye report (no older than 2 years), certifying legal blindness.
- Valid state identification

**Open to DREAMers:** No

**Scholarship Deadline:** April 1, 2014

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**Scholarship Name: Chicago Engineers Foundation**

**Website:** [http://chicagoengineersfoundation.org/](http://chicagoengineersfoundation.org/)

**Scholarship Description:** To encourage the study of Engineering, the Chicago Engineers’ Foundation of the Union League Club offers incentive awards of $800 to year 2013 Chicago high school graduating seniors who have been admitted to an engineering program at an accredited college of engineering, and who intend to enroll in the Fall of 2013. Last year, incentive awards were made to over 30 graduating senior students from over 15 high schools in the City of Chicago. This award is renewable, throughout the student’s four years of college, provided that the student remains in good standing in an engineering program. Students may receive about $5,000 in incentive awards during their college careers.

**Scholarship Award Amount:** $800.  
**Renewable:** Yes  
**Number of Years Renewable:** 4

**Scholarship Qualifications:**

- Graduating senior in high school in the city of Chicago
- Accepted to 4 year accredited engineering school
- Minimum ACT score of 21 (or SAT equivalent)
- Brief statement of goals
- Endorsement of Guidance Counselor
- Social Security Number (at time of receipt of award)

**Required Documentation:** Complete Application, copy of letter of acceptance to an accredited four-year college/university engineering program, high school transcript, Expected Family Contribution (EFC) from 2014-2015 FAFSA. For a complete list, visit the CEF website.

**Open to DREAMers:** Only those who have completed the Deferred Action process (also known as DACA) and have obtained a SSN are eligible to apply

**Scholarship Deadline:** April 24, 2014
April

Scholarship Name: Coalition of Black Trade Unionists Scholarship
Website: http://cbtu.org/  Application: Will become available in January

Scholarship Description: Each year CBTU awards ten scholarships to high school and college students in the names of two men who exemplified union activism and a thirst for knowledge.

Scholarship Award Amount: $2,000  Renewable: Varies

Scholarship Qualifications: Must have written evidence of acceptance and or attendance at an accredited college/university. College student must have a “C” average GPA among other criteria. This will be a determining factor in the selection process. Among other requirements, students must submit a typewritten essay on “Why Should Young People Get Involved in Politics?” of no less than 300 words. Application forms and more scholarship information are available from CBTU’s national office. Write: CBTU Office, P.O. Box 66268, Washington, DC 20035-6268.

Required Documentation: Undergraduate scholarship application
• An official copy of SAT or ACT scores
• Official school transcript and a photograph
• Three letters of recommendation from people other than relatives, dated and addressed to the CBTU Scholarship Committee

Open to DREAMers: Unknown
Scholarship Deadline: This scholarship’s application is due the first week of April. Check the website for details.

Scholarship Name: Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute Scholarship Program
Website: http://www.chci.org/scholarships/  Application: Will become available in September

Scholarship Description: The Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute scholarship opportunities are afforded to Latino students in the United States who have a history of performing public service-oriented activities in their communities and who demonstrate a desire to continue their civic engagement in the future. There is no Grade Point Average (GPA) or academic major requirement. Apply if you consider yourself to be a student with excellent leadership potential.

Scholarship Award Amount: $1,000; 2,500; $5,000 (Varies depending on degree obtained)  Renewable: No

Scholarship Qualifications: Full-time enrollment in a United States Department of Education accredited community college, four-year university, or graduate/professional program during the period for which scholarship is requested
• Demonstrated financial need
• Consistent, active participation in public and/or community service activities
• Strong writing skills
• U.S. citizenship or legal permanent residency

Required Documentation: Application with supplemental materials (please check the website for updated information).

Open to DREAMers: No
Scholarship Deadline: April 16, 2014

Scholarship Name: Darius A. Felton Scholarship
Website: http://daffoundation.8m.com/

Scholarship Description: Darius A. Felton was a young man that was courageous, compassionate and free spirited. His captivating smile and vibrant personality was adored by many. On his 15th birthday of August 2002, Darius was the victim of a violent murder in his community. For this reason we believe that if we change lives today, it will make a different tomorrow for a lot of children that live in our communities. Because of his unconditional love, we as his family wanted to keep a part of him alive and continue to share Darius A. Felton with the world. Additional Requirements: Must be Chicago resident.

Scholarship Award Amount: $500/4 awards  Renewable: No

Scholarship Qualifications: This scholarship is for Chicago Public Schools (CPS) high school seniors who have a minimum 2.5 GPA. To qualify for this scholarship applicants must have been accepted to and attend college in the upcoming fall semester. Applicants must show proof of acceptance to their selected college or university. To apply for this scholarship, applicants must write an essay of no more than 500 words on one of three given topics.

Required Documentation: Application and required documentations. Check website for updates.

Open to DREAMers: Unknown
Scholarship Deadline: April 30, 2014
The Dora Gerlach Memorial Scholarship
Website: http://afeatherinthewind.org/AFITW%20Scholarship%20Fund.html or www.chooseyourfuture.org/scholarships

Scholarship Description: “A Feather in the Wind” is a scholarship program for CPS students.

Scholarship Award Amount: $500 Renewable: No

Scholarship Qualifications: Must have a GPA of at least 3.5 and have been accepted to an accredited college/university.

Required Documentation: Completed application—includes two essay questions. Each essay cannot exceed 1,000 words.

Open to DREAMers: Unknown

Scholarship Deadline: April 30, 2014

Scholarship Name: Edward G. Irvin Scholarship
Website: http://www.chicagoalumni.org/index.php/programs/egif-scholarship

Scholarship Description: The Edward G. Irvin scholarship is provided through the Kappa Alpha Psi foundation. It is awarded to graduating male high school seniors and designed to supplement some of the student’s extra collegiate expenses (i.e. books and fees). The award is given annually to deserving high school students throughout the United States.

Scholarship Award Amount: $5,000 total for four years ($1,250 per year)

Renewable: Yes Number of Years Renewable: 4

Scholarship Qualifications: Graduating high school male of African-American descent;
• Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale);
• Completion of ACT and/or SAT standard exam; and
• Active participation in extracurricular activities and/or community service programs

Required Documentation: Completed application
• Two letters of recommendation
• 300-word autobiography
• Official transcript
• All other documentation as outlined on scholarship application

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: April 1, 2014

Scholarship Name: Karen Lynne Harris Memorial Scholarship
Website: http://zetazetaonline.org/karen-lynne-harris-memorial-scholarship/

Scholarship Description: The Zeta Zeta Chapter is proud to sponsor and award an annual scholarship dedicated to the memory of our Triumphant Soror Karen Lynne Harris. In her memory, Zeta Zeta Chapter awards annually a college scholarship to a female high school senior who holds a high standard for academics.

Scholarship Award Amount: Varies Renewable: No

Scholarship Qualifications: Female high school student graduating at the end of the 2013-2014 academic year
• Resident of the Chicago land area (Chicago and its surrounding suburbs)
• Has a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or better

Required Documentation:
1. Personal Statement – Your personal statement should be limited to 2 pages, typed, double spaced, Arial font size 12. Your personal statement shall reflect your thoughts regarding education, the state of the world today, why you should be selected to receive a scholarship and how you will make an impact on society.
2. Recommendation letters – Two letters of recommendation that may come from a teacher or counselor, other professional adult (not a family member), or (preferred not required) an active member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated.
3. Copy of Official High School Transcript
4. Copy of Intended College Acceptance Letter
5. Essays must be 5 pages in length, typed, double spaced, 1 inch margins, Arial 12 point font, one sided, with footnotes and a bibliography. The 5 pages do not include the cover page.
6. Completed application.

Open to DREAMers: Unknown

Scholarship Deadline: April 30, 2014
Scholarship Name: NAAIA Chicago Scholarship

Website: http://www.naaiachicago.org/

Application: Will become available online January 1, 2014

Scholarship Description: The National African-American Insurance Association (NAAIA) Chicago was founded on the principal need to positively exploit the talent pool of and business opportunities for African Americans. Working with the national organization, NAAIA Chicago builds alliances with insurance industry trade associations as well as those that represent the interests of minorities in this industry.

Scholarship Award Amount: $1,000  Renewable: No

Scholarship Qualifications: High School Senior attending CPS; No GPA requirement

Required Documentation:
- ACT scores
- Three Recommendations
- Essay: Why do you deserve this scholarship?
- Acceptance letter from college/university attending

Open to DREAMers: Yes

Scholarship Deadline: April 1, 2014

Scholarship Name: National Merit Scholarship Program

Website: http://www.nationalmerit.org/nmsp.php#entryreq

Scholarship Description:
- High school juniors enter the National Merit Program by taking the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT). If your school does not administer this test, talk to your counselor. Of the 1.5 million entrants, some 50,000 with the highest PSAT/NMSQT® Selection Index scores (critical reading + mathematics + writing skills scores) qualify for recognition in the National Merit®Scholarship Program. In April following the fall test administration, high-scoring participants from every state are invited to name two colleges or universities to which they would like to be referred by NMSC. In early September, about 16,000 students, or approximately one-third of the 50,000 high scorers, are notified that they have qualified as Semifinalists. In February, some 15,000 Semifinalists are notified by mail at their home addresses that they have advanced to Finalist standing. High school principals are notified and provided with a certificate to present to each Finalist.

Scholarship Award Amount: $2,500  Renewable: No

Scholarship Qualifications:
- Be enrolled as a high school student, progressing normally toward graduation or completion of high school by 2013, and planning to enter college no later than the fall of 2014
- Be a citizen of the United States; or be a U.S. lawful permanent resident
- Take the 2013 PSAT/NMSQT in the specified year of the high school program and no later than the third year in grades 9-12, regardless of grade classification or educational pattern

Required Documentation:
- Completion of the 2013 PSAT/NMSQT

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: April 2014. Your PSAT/NMSQT results are automatically submitted and reviewed for eligible scholarships.

Scholarship Name: National Organization of Black Law Enforcement

Website: http://www.noblenational.org/communityoutreach/noblescholarships.html

Application: Becomes available in February

Scholarship Description:
- NOBLE is committed to equity in matters related to law enforcement, its mission to ensure equity in the administration of justice, and its unyielding commitment to work towards the elimination of racism and bias of any type within the law enforcement field. This includes a commitment to equal treatment in the administration of justice and within the law enforcement field for all people, regardless of sexual orientation or gender expression. If you have any questions, please contact the NOBLE National Office at (703) 658-1529 or e-mail Wilmae Leach at wleach@noblenatl.org

Scholarship Award Amount: $1,000 (Charles L. Gittens Scholarship); $1,000 (Larry Bolden Scholarship) $3,500 (Irlet Anderson Scholarship)  Renewable: No

Scholarship Qualifications: Must be pursuing a degree in any of the Social Sciences, including technology, forensic investigations, and other criminal investigative studies, to further a career in law enforcement or criminal justice.

Open to DREAMers: Unknown

Scholarship Deadline: April 15, 2014
April

Scholarship Name: Society of Women Engineers Chicago Regional Section Scholarship

Website: http://www.swe.org/chicago/ Application: Will become available online February 2014
Scholarship Description: Scholarships are awarded to graduating high school female students accepted into an engineering or computer science program at an accredited college or university.

Scholarship Award Amount: $1,500 Renewable: No

Scholarship Qualifications: Applicant must be a female
- The applicant’s home must be in a zip code with these three numbers as the first three digits: IL 600-608, 610-611, and 613; IN 463-466
- The applicant must be a freshman, re-entry or transfer student accepted into an engineering or computer science program at an accredited college or university for the Fall 2014 semester
- The applicant’s grade point average must be a 3.0 or above on a 4.0 scale

Required Documentation: Completed application; Official transcript; Letter of recommendation from a non-relative; One-page essay

Open to DREAMers: Unknown

Scholarship Deadline: April 10, 2014

Scholarship Name: William J. Cook Fund Scholarship

Website: https://www.scholarshipamerica.org/williamjcook/index.php

Application: Will become available online in February or March
Scholarship Description: The Chicago Community Trust established the William J. Cook Scholarship Fund to assist male high school seniors from Cook County, Illinois who plan to continue their education in college programs.

Scholarship Award Amount: Award ranging from $1,000 to $5,000 Renewable: Yes Number of Years Renewable: 4

Scholarship Qualifications: Male high school seniors attending a high school in Cook County, Illinois and reside in Cook County. Plan to enroll in a full-time undergraduate course of study at an accredited four-year college or university.

Required Documentation: Completed application; Online transcripts

Open to DREAMers: Yes

Scholarship Deadline: This scholarship has an April deadline. Please check the website in Spring for details.
May

Scholarship Name: 2014 Nordstrom Scholarship

Website: http://shop.nordstrom.com/c/nordstrom-cares-scholarship

Application: Will become available in early February

Scholarship Description: Nordstrom is excited to award $10,000 scholarships to 80 outstanding high school students and help them achieve their dreams of going to college. The Nordstrom Scholarship recognizes students across the country for their exceptional scholastic achievement and community involvement.

Scholarship Award Amount: $10,000/$2,500 per year  Renewable: Yes  Number of Years Renewable: 4

Scholarship Qualifications: Be a high school junior who has not been convicted of any crime (Seniors are not eligible to apply)
- Live and attend high school in one of the participating states designated by Nordstrom
- Have participated in community or volunteer activities
- Maintain a cumulative unweighted GPA of at least 2.7 (on a 4.0 scale) throughout your high school career
- Plan to apply for financial assistance to attend college
- Be eligible to attend a four-year college or university in the United States
- If awarded, attend an accredited four-year college or university in the U.S. for all years of the scholarship

Required Documentation: Application; Recommendation letter(s)

Open to DREAMers: Yes

Scholarship Deadline: May 1, 2014

Scholarship Name: Chicago Coalition for the Homeless Scholarship

Website: http://www.chicagohomeless.org/college-scholarships/

Scholarship Description: Each summer, the Chicago Coalition for the Homeless awards renewable college scholarships to graduating seniors who experienced homelessness while in high school. Eligible to apply are students who were homeless at some point while attending Chicago Public high schools, or homeless students living anywhere in Illinois who are former clients of the CCH Law Project.

Scholarship Award Amount: $2,000  Renewable: Yes  Number of Years Renewable: Varies

Scholarship Qualifications: Be a student graduating this spring from the Chicago Public Schools (CPS), or a former student client of the Law Project who is graduating this spring and currently living in Illinois.
- Have sufficient credit hours to graduate by June 2014, as verified by the school registrar.
- Been homeless during at least one semester of high school, verified by the CPS Students in Temporary Living Situations (STLS) “homeless liaison” at the applicant’s school, or verified by the school district homeless liaison.
- Applied to accredited two-year or four-year public or private not-for-profit colleges or universities for the 2014-15 school year.
- Scholarships are not granted to attend for-profit schools.
- Filed the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) application by May 1, 2014
- Application must be fully completed by the student. By the deadline, submit two (2) letters of recommendations from individuals with a direct knowledge of your abilities, accomplishments and potential. One (1) recommendation must be from a teacher or other personnel working at your current school.

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: May 1, 2014

Scholarship Name: Discus Award: National All-Around Student Scholarship

Website: http://www.discusawards.com/list-of-scholarships

Scholarship Description: The National All-Around Student Scholarship aims to scholarship high school students who demonstrate unique excellence in three of ten Discus attributes. National All-Around Student Scholarship winners are some of the most all-around high school students in the country. Awarded ten times each year, this scholarship rewards students whose achievements extend far beyond the classroom and the athletic field.

Scholarship Award Amount: Up to $2,500  Renewable: No

Scholarship Qualifications: Scholarship for high school juniors, sophomores, and freshmen; U.S. Citizens or legal residents

Required Documentation: Nomination form; Online application

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: May 31, 2014 at 11:59 p.m. Eastern time
May

Scholarship Name: Excellence in Academics & Community Service Award

Website: http://75.103.78.226/scholarships-applications/

Application: Will become available online after December 1st

Scholarship Description: This annual, one-time scholarship, will be awarded to one or two (2) successful candidates. Candidates must be brain tumor patients/survivors or closely related to someone diagnosed with a brain tumor. Amount of award will be paid directly to the student’s school if for tuition, or directly to the recipient to assist with living expenses, books, travel, etc.

Scholarship Award Amount: $2,500 Renewable: No

Scholarship Qualifications: Must be a brain tumor patient/survivor or closely related to someone diagnosed with a brain tumor.

• Relationships are limited to spouse, biological children, biological parents, biological siblings.
• Must be entering or currently enrolled in an advanced educational program at a college, university, vocational school or other setting within the fifty United States or the District of Columbia.
• Must have at least a GPA of 3.0/4.0 or a 4.0/5.0.
• Rank in top half of class and have at least an SAT score of 850 or an ACT of 21.
• Demonstrate strong leadership ability as well as community service.
• Demonstrate financial need (family income may not exceed $75,000).
• Income verification may be required.

Required Documentation: Application; Essay; One (1) letter of recommendation

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: May 1, 2014

Scholarship Name: Illinois Legislative Black Caucus Foundation Scholarship

Website: http://www.repkendunkin.com/view.php?idnum=17&category=news&gohome=true

Scholarship Description: This one-time award is for students accepted into accredited undergraduate institutions.

Scholarship Award Amount: $1,000 Renewable: No

Scholarship Qualifications: Be an Illinois resident; Submit application and all supporting materials to the ILBCF Scholarship Selection Committee by deadline.

Required Documentation: Complete the ILBCF Undergraduate Scholarship Application

• Submit verification of college enrollment or letter of acceptance
• Write a personal statement (500 words or less) describing interest and involvement in community and public service, hobbies, talents, sports and/or school activities. The statement should address future academic and professional career plans and may highlight any personal challenge(s) perspective has overcome
• Submit high school transcript (if in college, current transcript)
• Submit two letters of recommendation from persons other than relatives
• Submit a recent photograph of himself/herself
• Provide proof of voter registration if 18 years of age or older

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: May 1, 2014 (postmark deadline). Submit application to Illinois Legislative Black Caucus Scholarship Foundation Selection Committee; P.O. Box 12104, Springfield, IL 62791.
May

Scholarship Name: Illinois Restaurant Association Educational Foundation

Website: http://ira.affiniscape.com/displaycommon.cfm?an=1&subarticlenbr=826

Application: Will become available online in late December

Scholarship Description: You must be accepted and plan to enroll in an accredited culinary school, college or university, and major in a culinary, restaurant management or food service related program. Website notes: Go to “Education Foundation” on the left. Click “Scholarships & Career Mentoring.” Additional Requirements: Be a permanent resident of the State of Illinois.

Scholarship Award Amount: From $500+ Renewable: No

Scholarship Qualifications: Enrolled as a full-time or substantial part-time student, taking a minimum of 9 credit hours each term.

Required Documentation: Signed hard copy of application (typed and fully complete)

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: May 2, 2014

Scholarship Name: Josefina A. Ovalle Scholarship

Website: http://www.jaofoundation.org/jaoscholarship.html Application: Will become available online after January 2014

Scholarship Description: The Josefina A. Ovalle Scholarship is awarded to Latino students who excel in the realms of service, academics, and leadership. Resident of Little Village, Pilsen, Bridgeport, McKinley Park, Brighton Park, Archer Heights, Garfield Ridge, Gage Park, Ashburn or West Lawn in Chicago, IL- or in Cicero or Berwyn, IL.

Scholarship Award Amount: Varies Renewable: Yes Number of Years Renewable: 4

Scholarship Qualifications: Must be a high school senior residing in the neighborhoods of: Little Village, Pilsen, Bridgeport, McKinley Park, Brighton Park, Archer Heights, Garfield Ridge, Gage Park, Ashburn or West Lawn in Chicago, IL or in Cicero or Berwyn, IL. Josefina A. Ovalle Scholarship recipients may re-apply.

Required Documentation: Josefina A. Ovalle Scholarship Application; Personal Statement; A letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor or administrator from your school.

Open to DREAMers: Yes

Scholarship Deadline: This scholarship has an early May deadline. Please check the website for updated information.
Scholarship Name: La Casa Student Housing Scholarship

Website: www.lacasastudenthousing.org

Scholarship Description: This scholarship is designed to help Illinois students pay to live at La Casa Student Housing. By supporting you in your desire to live in student housing we aim to support your efforts to complete your first bachelor level degree. La Casa Student Housing Scholarship awards can be applied only toward monthly payment of rent obligations at La Casa Student Housing. All scholarship awards will be paid directly to the student’s rent account, which is managed by the Office of Property Management at The Resurrection Project. La Casa Student Housing scholarships are possible through the generous sponsorship of individuals who want to support your efforts to complete your first bachelor level degree.

Scholarship Award Amount: Award amounts vary. Currently, four scholarship award levels exist: Level 1: $450 Level 2: $1,350 Level 3: $2,250 Level 4: $3,150

Renewable: Yes Number of Years Renewable: 4

Scholarship Qualifications: Meet all eligibility criteria to live at La Casa Student Housing
Be enrolled full-time each term at a degree granting, North Central accredited college or university in Illinois
Maintain satisfactory academic progress as determined by the college
Demonstrate financial need
have graduated from an Illinois high school within the last 6 years
Be an Illinois resident (if the student is considered a “dependent” for the college’s financial aid process, the parent whose information is used must be an Illinois resident)

Required Documentation:

Open to DREAMers: Yes

Scholarship Deadline: May 1, 2014

Scholarship Name: Latinos Progresando Dr. Angela Perez Miller Scholarship

Website: http://latinospro.org/dr-angela-perez-miller-scholarship-fund/ Application: Will become available online mid-March

Scholarship Description: Latinos Progresando (LP) is a non-profit organization committed to improving the lives of immigrants and their families. Our goal is to promote education and motivate our Latino youth to pursue a higher education with the vision of increasing the number of Latino students attend and graduate from college in our community.

Scholarship Award Amount: $1,000 each Renewable: No

Scholarship Qualifications: Enrolled for at least 6 credit hours for the 2014-2015 academic year
• Admitted or enrolled in an undergraduate degree-seeking program or certificate program at an accredited college or university
• Demonstrated financial need
• Be a Latino or immigrant student
• Demonstrated commitment to community service
• Reside in the Chicago metropolitan area

Required Documentation:

Open to DREAMers: Yes

Scholarship Deadline: May 1, 2014 The application is not considered complete until all required items are received. Mail all required items to the following address: Latinos Progresando, C/O Scholarship Committee, 3047 W. Cermak Rd., Chicago, IL 60623.
Scholarship Name: NURSE Corps Scholarship Program (NCSP)

Website: http://www.hrsa.gov/loanscholarships/scholarships/Nursing/index.html

Application: New applications will not be accepted until March/April of 2014

Scholarship Description: The NURSE Corps Scholarship Program (NCSP) is a selective program of the U.S. Government that helps alleviate the critical shortage of registered nurses currently experienced by certain types of health care facilities by helping needy students complete their registered nurse training. Scholarship awards full tuition.

Scholarship Award Amount: Tuition; Eligible fees and other reasonable costs, such as books, clinical supplies/instruments and uniforms. Monthly stipend ($1,289 for the 2013-2014 school year)

Renewable: Yes  Number of Years Renewable: 4

Scholarship Qualifications: Be a U.S. citizen (either U.S. born or naturalized); U.S. national or a lawful permanent resident; Be enrolled or accepted for enrollment as a full or part-time student in an accredited nursing degree program at one of the following: An associate degree School of Nursing, a collegiate School of Nursing, a diploma school of nursing.

Required Documentation: Completed authorization to release information;
• Proof of U.S. Citizenship, U.S. national or lawful permanent resident (e.g. copy of birth certificate, certificate of citizenship, passport, or naturalization certificate)
• Completed verification of acceptance/good standing report
• Copy of student aid report
• Completed academic recommendation letter and non-academic recommendation letter
• Completed essay questions
• Resume/curriculum vitae
• Academic transcript(s) (transcripts may be official or unofficial, but course grades must be included.)

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: This scholarship has a May deadline. Please check the website for updated information.
June

Scholarship Name: Abbott and Fenner Scholarship

Website: http://www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.htm

Scholarship Description: Abbott & Fenner are committed to continuing our efforts at helping those who have the desire and ambition to succeed. The winner(s) of this annual scholarship will receive their award within 2 weeks of the listed deadline. All applicants should include their full name and mailing address with their submissions. The A&F Scholarships are available to all high school juniors and seniors as well as all students currently registered in any accredited post secondary institution.

Scholarship Award Amount: $1,000 Renewable: No

Scholarship Qualifications: To apply for this scholarship you will need to write an essay on the topic below. The essay should be between 500 and 1000 words. Your submissions must be sent to us by email at: scholarships@abbottandfenner.com

Every generation faces new challenges and new problems. What do you think is the biggest difference between your generation and older generations? How do you think these differences will affect the future of our country and/or your career choice?

Required Documentation: Essay

Open to DREAMers: Yes

Scholarship Deadline: June 14, 2014

Scholarship Name: American Red Cross Young Minds Change Lives: High School Scholarship Program

Website: http://www.redcrossblood.org/info/heartofamerica/young-minds-change-lives-high-school-scholarship-program

Scholarship Description: The American Red Cross Blood Services invites your school to participate in the Young Minds Change Lives Educational Scholarship Program. Through the Young Minds Change Lives Educational Scholarship Program, you have the opportunity to help others, while also helping to establish a college scholarship fund to benefit students at your school. The Young Minds Change Lives Educational Scholarship Program is available for high schools who want to host a Red Cross blood drive during the school year or the summer months. Each participating high school shall determine the scholarship recipient(s). The sponsoring school is responsible for providing the American Red Cross information required to disburse the funds on behalf of each scholarship recipient(s). The monetary scholarship will be awarded directly to the school of higher learning in the recipient’s name(s). The American Red Cross will make the scholarship disbursements directly to the appropriate institution using information provided by the sponsoring school. Each recipient must have a separate verification form completed.

Scholarship Award Amount: $250-$2,500

The scholarship amount awarded by the Red Cross to any graduating senior(s) from a high school participating in the Young Minds Change Lives Scholarship Program is determined by totaling the number of units collected at the school blood drive(s) held during the program timeframe.

Renewable: No

Scholarship Qualifications: Graduating high school senior with plans to attend higher education
Possess high school and prospective higher education photo ID

Required Documentation: N/A

Open to DREAMers: Yes

Scholarship Deadline: June 1, 2014
June

Scholarship Name: Chicago Housing Authority Windows of Opportunity Scholarship

Website and Application: http://www.winofopp.org/programs.php

Scholarship Description: Applicants must be current CHA or Housing Choice Voucher resident, have a minimum 2.5 GPA, and be accepted in an accredited institution. Additional Requirements: Must be a current CHA or Housing Choice Voucher resident.

Scholarship Award Amount: Varies; may be used to cover tuition, room and board, fees/books

Renewable: Yes  Years Renewable: Unknown

Scholarship Qualifications:
- Be a current CHA or Housing Choice Voucher resident
  - Be a high school graduate or GED recipient
  - Have a minimum GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale
  - Be accepted or currently enrolled in accredited institution (college, trade school, certificate program)

Required Documentation:
- Complete application form
- Official transcript or GED test scores
- Copy of acceptance letter
- Current financial aid awards/scholarships from ALL sources
- A two page typewritten essay
- Two letters of recommendation

Open to DREAMers: Unknown

Scholarship Deadline: June 30, 2014

Scholarship Name: Community Services Block Grant Scholarship

Website: www.cityofchicago.org/content/city/en/depts/fss/provdrs/serv/svcs/community_serviceblockgrantscholarship.html

Application: Will become available online in April

Scholarship Description: The CSBG Scholarship program helps low-income Chicagoans finance higher education. Funds can be applied toward tuition, uniforms, study-related fees and books. Winners will be notified in August.

Scholarship Award Amount: $500 - $3,000  Renewable: No

Scholarship Qualifications:
- Must be Chicago resident; meet CSBG income guidelines; Be enrolled full-time in an Illinois institution

Required Documentation:
- Application

Open to DREAMers: Only those who have completed the Deferred Action process (also known as DACA) and have obtained a SSN are eligible to apply

Scholarship Deadline: Early June. Please check the website in April for information.

Scholarship Name: CPS Dream Fund Scholarship (New Scholarship Opportunity!)

Website: http://www.chooseyourfuture.org/scholarships/strategic

Application: Will become available in January

Scholarship Description: The CPS Dream Fund Scholarship is a talent and need-based, last-dollar scholarship to assist academically talented undocumented CPS students in their quest to pursue a post-secondary education. Student must be a DREAMer* recommended by a principal, counselor or college and career coach.

Scholarship Award Amount: Varies  Renewable: Pending upon fund available

Scholarship Qualifications:
- Must be a DREAMer nominated by a principal, counselor or college and career coach; Minimum GPA:3.0; Minimum ACT of 17; CPS senior; Attend a Chicago public high school for at least three (3) years

Required Documentation:
- Application; Official CPS high school transcript; ACT scores; Two essays; Proof of household income; Letter of recommendation from a current teacher; Community service or volunteer service letter of recommendation; College letter of acceptance; College financial aid award letter

Note: Application materials must first be submitted to your principal, counselor or college and career coach. Each CPS school must develop a scholarship review committee to process applications and forward two finalists to the CPS Scholarship Coordinator.

Open to DREAMers: Yes

Scholarship Deadline: June 1, 2014
Scholarship Name: DePaul University Sid Feldman Legacy Fund

Website: http://sidfund.org/

Scholarship Description: Every year, DePaul University’s Center for Sales Leadership sponsors a legacy fund for two students from the Chicago Public School district to receive partial tuition for four years of undergraduate education at DePaul University.

Scholarship Award Amount: Varies- Partial full tuition. Renewable: Yes Number of Years Renewable: 4

Scholarship Qualifications: The student must intend to enroll in the College of Commerce.

Essay Requirements: In a two page, single spaced essay, please address the two topics. Check website in Spring for details.

Required Documentation: Complete a DePaul University admission application and receive an acceptance letter from DePaul University.

• Submit two letters of recommendation from a non-family member (high school teacher, guidance counselor, employer, volunteer manager, etc.)
• Submit a FAFSA for consideration towards financial hardship
• Submit a two page essay

Open to DREAMers: Yes

Scholarship Deadline: June 1, 2014

Scholarship Name: Edward and Shirley Calahan Scholarship Fund

Website: http://calahanfoundation.org/ Application: Will become available online May 1st

Scholarship Description: The Edward and Shirley Callahan Scholarship Fund will provide assistance to financially challenged low income students who desire a college education but do not have the financial means to pay for their college expenses. Their goal is to provide help for those that desire an opportunity, but cannot do it by themselves. The Callahan Foundation plans to award three scholarships.

Scholarship Award Amount: $2,000 Renewable: No

Scholarship Qualifications: GPA of 3.0 during their last year of high school, and must have been accepted to a college or university.

Required Documentation: Completed and signed application form

• Official transcripts
• Two letters of recommendation
• Answer essay questions attached (double spaced and typewritten) 5 copies
• Most recent Parent/Guardian income tax returns
• Letter of college acceptance
• Available for interview

Open to DREAMers: Yes, provided they have an ITIN

Scholarship Deadline: June 1, 2014

Scholarship Name: Illinois Latino Council on Higher Education

Website: http://ilache.com/

Scholarship Description: The Illinois Latino Council on Higher Education (ILACHE) will award a one time $1000 scholarship to two eligible Latino/a students. Selection will be based on careful review of the following areas: campus involvement, community involvement, academic achievements & goals and career aspirations. Additional Requirements: Illinois resident.

Scholarship Award Amount: Varies Renewable: No

Scholarship Qualifications: Campus involvement, community involvement, academic achievements & goals, and career aspirations.

Required Documentation: Online application

• Two letters of recommendation (at least one from a past teacher/faculty member)
• An official transcript from the high school and/or college, whichever is applicable. The high school transcript must indicate the date of graduation.

Open to DREAMers: Unknown

Scholarship Deadline: June 1, 2014
**Scholarship Name: LeTendre Education Fund Scholarship**

**Website:** [http://www.naehcy.org/letendre-scholarship-fund/scholarship-application](http://www.naehcy.org/letendre-scholarship-fund/scholarship-application)

**Application:** Will become available online January 2014

**Scholarship Description:** The National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth provides scholarship assistance to students who are homeless or have experienced homelessness through the LeTendre Education Fund for Homeless Children, established in 1998 in memory of André E. LeTendre, husband of Mary Jean LeTendre, former Director of Compensatory Education for the U.S. Department of Education.

**Scholarship Award Amount:** $2,000  
**Renewable:** No

**Scholarship Qualifications:** The scholarship funds are available to students who are homeless or who have been homeless during their school attendance, and who have demonstrated average or higher than average achievement. According to federal law, a person is considered homeless who “lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate night-time residence.” This includes people living in shelters, cars, motels, campgrounds, or places not meant for human habitation, as well as children and youth who are living with friends or relatives temporarily because they lack permanent housing.

**Required Documentation:**
- A completed application form
- An essay about the impact of homelessness on their lives and their desire to attend college (approximately 1,000 words)
- A school transcript, include class ranking if available
- A minimum of one letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor, or other adult who can speak to the applicant’s qualifications and experiences.

**Open to DREAMers:** Yes

**Scholarship Deadline:** June 13, 2014

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**Scholarship Name: Posse Foundation Scholarship**

**Website:** [http://www.possefoundation.org/about-posse/our-history-mission](http://www.possefoundation.org/about-posse/our-history-mission)

**Scholarship Description:** Students must be nominated in their junior year of high school. They should be leaders, academically committed, team oriented, invested in the community, reliable, and accountable. Additional Requirements: Chicago resident; must be nominated by their high school or a community-based organization.

**Scholarship Award Amount:** Full tuition scholarships  
**Renewable:** Yes  
**Number of Years Renewable:** 4

**Scholarship Qualifications:**
- Be nominated by their high school or a community-based organization.
- Be in the first term of their senior year in high school. Depending on the Posse city, nominations are often taken between the spring and early August before the new school year begins.
- Demonstrate leadership within their high school, community or family.
- Demonstrate academic potential

**Required Documentation:** Nomination required

**Open to DREAMers:** Yes

**Scholarship Deadline:** Nominations must be submitted by June 2014. Please check the website for updated information.

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**Scholarship Name: Whitney Young’s Lost Count Scholarship Fund**

**Website:** [http://www.wydmad.org/my-website#!__my-website/scholarships](http://www.wydmad.org/my-website#!__my-website/scholarships)  
**Application:** Will become available online January 2014

**Scholarship Description:** Whitney Young’s Making a Difference Lost Count Scholarship Fund (LCSF) was created as a way of assisting young people of Chicago in their pursuit of positive opportunities instead of violence. LCSF wants students to imagine a safer and more productive world for them to live and learn. As a result, applicants are being asked to write a proposal about their ideas on creating change in their own world.

**Scholarship Award Amount:** $500  
**Renewable:** No

**Scholarship Qualifications:** Chicago residents only. To be eligible for the Lost Count Book Scholarship, please answer one of the given essay questions (see application). Your essay must be typed and should contain a maximum of 500 words.

**Required Documentation:** Mail the application, your official CPS high school transcript, your essay and your college acceptance letter

**Open to DREAMers:** Yes

**Scholarship Deadline:** June 2, 2014
Scholarship Name: Harold Washington College Scholarship Fund

Website: http://webapps.ccc.edu/fund/actionView.jsp?fundid=160

Scholarship Description: The Harold Washington College Scholarship Fund was established to provide financial assistance for deserving students based upon scholastic merit (exclusive of financial need) and/or based upon financial need. Scholarship monies are to be used to defray educational costs (tuition, fees, books, transportation, or other critical necessities) while enrolled at Harold Washington College. This scholarship may be renewable depending on eligibility criteria and funding availability. In rare cases, scholarship funds may be used as matching funds (Harold Washington College Scholarship Fund would match a student’s payment up to a maximum of a $250 one-time scholarship) to help pay a prior balance at Harold Washington College.

Scholarship Award Amount: Up to $1,000 depending upon need Renewable: No

Scholarship Qualifications: Minimum 2.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale and in good standing
- Meets City Colleges of Chicago’s ability to benefit (ATB) criteria (i.e., high school or GED graduate or sufficient ATB test score)
- Must be a resident of the City of Chicago and eligible for in-district tuition rates
- Enrolled in at least 6 credit hours per semester
- Pursuing an associate degree or any credit certificate program

Required Documentation: Application
- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- Student Aid Report (SAR)

Open to DREAMers: Yes

Scholarship Deadline: July 1, 2014 (for Fall semester enrollment)

Scholarship Name: OCA-Chicago 2014 Scholarship Internship

Website: http://www.ocachicago.org/scholar/

Scholarship Description: The goal of the Scholarship Intern program is to create a hands-on working experience for students to learn “real-world” skills and receive financial support toward their tuition. Each applicant will be evaluated based on their grades, financial standing, and their performance during the Internship program. Note: Internship is encouraged (not required) for scholarship program. The applicants’ performance is evaluated by board members for scholarship recipient consideration, but going through the internship does not guarantee a scholarship.

Scholarship Award Amount: $30,000 will be awarded between 12 students Renewable: No

Scholarship Qualifications: Be American citizen or a permanent resident of the Chicagoland area: Cook, Dekalb, DuPage, Grundy, Kane, Kendall, McHenry, Will, Lake (IL), Kenosha (WI)
- Identify as Asian and/or Pacific Islander ethnicity as defined by the U.S. Census
- Be a full-time Asian and/or Pacific Islander American student
- High school students entering their first year of college in the upcoming 2014 Fall Semester/Quarter or currently enrolled in an accredited university
- Demonstrate financial needs
- Have a cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0 or above (on a 4.0 scale)
- Strong history and intent of community service
- Must join OCA-Chicago as a student member before receiving scholarship
- Must be available to attend in person at 2014 OCA-Chicago annual scholarship gala.

Required Documentation: Completed application; One page, single-spaced, typed essay on leadership topic (see application); Official or unofficial transcript from current school; FAFSA application

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: July 30, 2014
July

Scholarship Name: Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. Illinois 2014 Essay Scholarship

Website: http://www.botgss.com/ Application: Will become available online late January/early February

Scholarship Description: Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. (PBS) is a worldwide service organization that has been promoting the ideals of Brotherhood, Scholarship, and Service since 1914. All high school students are welcome to apply regardless of their grade level or type of high school he or she attends (private school, alternative school, home school or public school).

Scholarship Award Amount: $500 Renewable: No

Scholarship Qualifications: All high school student applicants must be Illinois residents
The GPA requirement is 2.0 or higher (on a 4.0 scale)

Required Documentation: A copy of unofficial or official transcript is needed for GPA verification.
• A recommendation must be received from one (1) individual familiar with the student’s academic performance, involvement in school or community outreach.
• High school applicants have a three (3) part essay question to answer in its entirety. The essay response must not exceed 5 typed pages.

Open to DREAMers: Yes

Scholarship Deadline: This scholarship has an early June deadline. Please see website for details.
Rolling Scholarship Name: C-CAP Cooking Competition for Scholarships

Website: http://www.ccapinc.org/sch-ccap-scholarships.php

Scholarship Description: Since 1990, C-CAP has awarded over $33 million in scholarships to public high school students in our C-CAP Cooking Competitions for Scholarships! In order to receive a C-CAP Scholarship, you must apply and be selected to compete in the C-CAP Cooking Competition for Scholarships.

Scholarship Award Amount: $500- $83,760 Renewable: Varies

Scholarship Qualifications:
- Applicant must currently attend a C-CAP partner public high school or after school program
- Applicant must be a Junior or Senior in high school, or must be enrolled in a GED program, or must have passed the GED test
- Applicant must be 21 years old or younger
- Senior applicants must have taken one (1) culinary course at the C-CAP approved high school or after school program (includes the course you are currently enrolled in), two (2) courses is preferred
- Junior applicants must currently be enrolled in a culinary course
- All GED applicants must have their GED scores on or before the date of the final competition
- 2.5 GPA requirement

Required Documentation:
- C-CAP Cooking Competition for Scholarships Application Form: Fill out ALL sections of the 2-page application.
- School Research Sheets: Research four schools you would like to attend. One must be a community college. Fill out the School Research Sheets for each with the application. Rank the schools starting with the one you like best.
- Letters of Recommendation: Attach at least two letters of recommendation from past or present employers or your high school teachers. Recommendations must be on business or school letterhead paper, signed, and dated.
- Personal Essay on Your Career Goals: Write a formal essay (minimum of 250 words) describing your career goals. Submit a handwritten copy and a typed copy of your essay. It will be judged on content, style, spelling, and grammar.
- High School Transcript: Attach a copy of your high school transcript (either official or unofficial is acceptable) that is clear and easy to read. DO NOT use a copier to reduce the size of your transcript to save space.
- Must complete a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) by the Competition Application deadline
- ACT scores

Open to DREAMers: Yes

Scholarship Deadline: This scholarship rolling submission dates. Please check the website for updated information.

Scholarship Name: CCC Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) Scholarship

Website: http://webapps.ccc.edu/fund/actionView.jsp?fundid=196

Scholarship Description: The scholarship provides financial support to students who have a passion to interact with people in a positive, caring manner while providing quality care. The Certified Nursing Assistant program provides participants with the training necessary to take the Illinois State competency exam to become certified as a Nurse Assistant. Training includes classroom and laboratory instruction, as well as clinical experiences within a hospital or nursing home which qualifies the student for both home and institutional employment.

Scholarship Award Amount: Maximum amount of $1,000 Renewable: Yes Number of Years Renewable: 2

Scholarship Qualifications:
- The applicant must have completed the enrollment process for the CNA Program at one of the City Colleges of Chicago and have been accepted as a participant in the program.
- CNA Scholarship Funds cannot be used to repeat the CNA program if the student was unsuccessful previously, and students who do not remain in good standing may be removed from the program and not receive the scholarship.
- CNA Scholarship Funds cannot be used to repeat the CNA program if the student was unsuccessful previously, and students who do not remain in good standing (70% proficiency on written tests) may be removed from the program and not receive the scholarship.
- Applicants must meet with the CNA Coordinator at one of the City Colleges of Chicago offering the CNA program and work with him/her to complete and submit the FULL scholarship application packet.

Required Documentation:
- Application form – completed and signed
- Transcripts (if required)
- Applied for WIA funds if they qualify
- Two letters of recommendation – one professional/volunteer and one academic
- Signed application package checklist

Open to DREAMers: Yes

Scholarship Deadline: Applications are accepted on a rolling basis throughout the academic year.
Scholarship Name: Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, Inc.

Website: http://cbcfinc.org/scholarships.html

Scholarship Description: The mission of CBCF is to advance the global black community by developing leaders, informing policy and educating the public. CBCF offers a variety of scholarships.

Scholarship Award Amount: Up to full tuition scholarships  Renewable: Unknown

Scholarship Qualifications: Be preparing to pursue an undergraduate degree full-time or current full-time student in good standing
- Reside or attend a school in a congressional district represented by a CBC member
- Minimum GPA of 2.5
- Leadership Ability and Community Service

Required Documentation: Complete Application
- Submit verification of college enrollment or letter of acceptance
- Write a personal statement (500 words or less) describing interest and involvement in community and public service, hobbies, special talents, sports and/or school activities etc. The statement should address future academic and professional career plans and may highlight any personal challenge(s) perspective has overcome
- Submit two letters of recommendation from persons other than relatives
- Submit a recent photograph of himself/herself
- Provide proof of voters registration if 18 years of age or older

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: Deadlines vary for each scholarship. Ranges from late March to early June.

Scholarship Name: Harrison Fellows Scholarship (National Lewis University)

Website: http://www.nl.edu/harrisonfellows/

Scholarship Description: The Harrison Fellowship, named for NLU’s founding President Elizabeth Harrison, is designed for students who want an undergraduate bachelor’s degree by attending full time during the day at our Chicago campus. There are only two disciplines offered this year: Elementary Education with endorsement in Math or Science and a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration.

Scholarship Award Amount: Up to $50,000 over four years

Renewable: Yes  Number of Years Renewable: 4

Scholarship Qualifications: Have demonstrated exceptional promise of becoming a leader in your community
- Have 90 or fewer transfer credit hours
- Have a 2.5 or higher high school/transfer GPA OR
- 19 or higher composite ACT score
- Agree to attend full-time (12+ quarter hours per term) during the day on the Chicago campus
- Enroll in one of the 5 eligible daytime degree program
- Students must adhere to the Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy of National Louis University

Required Documentation: Completed application; Essay

Open to DREAMers: Yes

Scholarship Deadline: Applications are accepted on a rolling basis throughout the academic year.

Scholarship Name: Illinois AMVETS Scholarship Program

Website: http://www.ilamvets.org/prog_scholarships_apps.cfm

Scholarship Description: The Illinois AMVETS Service Foundation has been awarding scholarships to Illinois high school seniors for approximately 40 years. Every year AMVETS awards one year $1,000 non-renewable scholarships to current Illinois High School Seniors. The AMVETS and the AMVETS Subsidiary Organizations value the importance of education and support the educational pursuits of all students. Website Notes: Go to “Programs” and select “Scholarships.” Additional Requirements: Must be an Illinois resident.

Scholarship Award Amount: $1,000  Renewable: No

Scholarship Qualifications: Be an Illinois high school senior; Have taken the ACT or SAT

Required Documentation: Application with supplement materials. Please check the website for updated information.

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: This scholarship has rolling submission dates. Please check the website for updated information.
Scholarship Name: Northern Illinois University Scholars

Website: http://www.niu.edu/scholarships/new_students/index.shtml

Scholarship Description: Attending college is a great investment in your future, and many families need assistance to help offset the cost of education. The purpose of financial aid is to assist students to pursue their college education by helping them and their families meet educational expenses.

Scholarship Award Amount: $23,500/year  Renewable: Yes  Number of Years Renewable: 4

Scholarship Qualifications: 33 ACT or Top 5% HS class or 3.75 GPA

Required Documentation: The scholarship is awarded based on the application for admission to NIU. Some scholarships are competitive and may not be awarded to all qualified students.

Open to DREAMers: Yes (however, other opportunities vary)

Scholarship Deadline: Students who meet scholarship criteria will be considered for the scholarships. Note: for primary consideration, students should apply to NIU no later than December 1st.
Scholarship Name: Ayn Rand Institute Novel Essay Contest

Website: http://aynrandnovels.org/essay-contests.html

Scholarship Description: Ayn Rand Institute sponsors annual essay contests that offer 680 prizes and more than $99,000 in prize money every year. You can still submit essays for three of the four contests. The essay contests are open to both American and international students. Deadlines vary.

Scholarship Award Amount: First prize: $10,000; 5 Second prizes: $2,000; 10 Third prizes: $1,000; 45 Finalists: $100; 175 Semifinalists: $50 (Number of prizes and finalist can vary based on the novel)

Renewable: Varies

Number of Years Renewable: 4

Scholarship Qualifications: No application is required. Contest is open to students worldwide. Entrant must be in the 11th or 12th grade. To avoid disqualification, mailed in essays must include a stapled cover sheet with the following information:

- Name and address, including e-mail address (if available)
- The name and address of your school
- Topic selected (#1, 2 or 3 from list above)
- Current grade level
- (Optional) the name of the teacher who assigned the essay, if you are completing it for classroom credit.
- Essay must be no fewer than 800 and no more than 1,600 words in length and double-spaced.

One entry per student.

Essay must be postmarked by the deadline given, no later than 11:59 PM, Pacific Standard Time. The Ayn Rand Institute has the right to provide contest deadline extensions when deemed appropriate.

Essay must be solely the work of the entrant. Plagiarism will result in disqualification. Decisions of the judges are final.

Employees of the Ayn Rand Institute, its board of directors and their immediate family members are not eligible for this contest. Past first-place winners are not eligible for this contest.

All entries become the property of the Ayn Rand Institute and will not be returned.

Winners, finalists, semifinalists and all other participants will be notified via e-mail and/or by mail by July 26, 2014.

Contest winners agree to allow the Ayn Rand Institute to post their names on any of ARI’s affiliated websites. The winning first place essay may be posted in its entirety on any of these websites with full credit given to the author.

Winners will be solely responsible for any federal, state or local taxes.

Required Documentation: Essay with supplement materials (please check the website for updated information).

Open to DREAMers: Yes

Scholarship Deadline: September 17, 2013 (Atlas Shrugged); March 20, 2014 (Anthem); April 26, 2014 (Fountainhead); May 6, 2014 (We the Living)

Scholarship Name: Northwestern University Good Neighbor, Great University Scholarship

Website: http://undergradaid.northwestern.edu/types-of-aid/scholarships-grants/northwestern-scholarships.html#good

Scholarship Description: Northwestern University will offer this scholarship to incoming admitted freshmen who graduate from high schools in Evanston and Chicago. The new Good Neighbor, Great University Scholarship Program will begin with the freshman class. The scholarships will replace student loans, as well as earnings from summer and work-study jobs that students normally must contribute to the cost of their education.

Scholarship Award Amount: $1,000 to $12,300

Renewable: Yes

Number of Years Renewable: 4

Scholarship Qualifications: Eligibility is based on demonstrated institutional financial need

Required Documentation: Application to Northwestern

- FAFSA (Feb 15th deadline for regular decision applicants)
- CSS Profile
- 2013 tax return forms (March 5th deadline for regular decision applicants)

Open to DREAMers: No

Scholarship Deadline: There is no set deadline for this scholarship. Upon admission, it is issued to qualified students as part of the financial aid package.
**Scholarship Name:** Illinois Promise Scholarship  

**Website:** [http://www.osfa.uiuc.edu/aid/promise.html](http://www.osfa.uiuc.edu/aid/promise.html)

**Scholarship Description:** Illinois Promise funding will be provided to eligible students for four years of attendance at Illinois if criteria continue to be met. Annual renewal of the FAFSA is required and students must remain in good academic standing (i.e., eligible to continue studies at the University of Illinois). As with the tuition guarantee, the four years of eligibility for Illinois Promise begins when a student enrolls at the University and runs continuously.

**Scholarship Award Amount:** Illinois Promise will fund the estimated cost of tuition, fees, room and board, and books and supplies, through grants and scholarships and by working approximately 10-12 hours a week.

**Renewable:** Yes  
**Number of Years Renewable:** 4

**Scholarship Qualifications:**  
- Parent(s) and student must be Illinois residents.  
- Student must be under the age of 24 and admitted as a new freshman or new transfer student.  
- Expected Family Contribution (EFC) determined through the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) must equal $0., Family income must be at or below the federal poverty level.  
- Total family assets must be less than $50,000, Enrolled at least 12 hours during fall or spring semesters.

**Required Documentation:** FAFSA. Note: There is no separate Illinois Promise application form.

**Open to DREAMers:** No

**Scholarship Deadline:** Eligibility and award will be determined based off of the undergraduate admission application to University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
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Accredited: In the U.S., colleges and universities are accredited by one of 19 recognized institutional accrediting organizations. Programs are accredited by one of approximately 60 recognized programmatic accrediting organizations. [Accrediting organizations that are “recognized” have been reviewed for quality by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation or the United States Department of Education. Accreditation is a major way that students, families, government officials, and the press know that an institution or program provides a quality education.

AGI (Adjusted Gross Income): All taxable income less IRS allowable adjustments to income. This figure is from U.S. IRS tax forms. For parents this figure is item number 73 in Step Four of the FAFSA and for students, it is item number 35 in Step Two.

Academic Year: A period of at least 30 weeks of instructional time, traditionally September through May, during which a full-time student is expected to complete at least 24 semester hours or credits. The length or dates may be defined differently for an institution that has trimester or measures program length in clock hours.

Community College: Sometimes called junior college or two-year college. Students can take classes, and then transfer to a four-year school, or they can earn certificates, diplomas or associate’s degrees.

Cost of Attendance: The total cost of attending a post-secondary institution (college, university, vocational & technical schools, or graduate schools) for one academic year. The cost of attendance usually includes tuition, fees, room, board, supplies, transportation, and personal expenses.

CSS Profile: The College Scholarship Service Profile is a financial aid form that many colleges and universities use to determine how much non-federal financial aid a student may be eligible for.

DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals): In 2012, the Secretary of Homeland Security announced that certain people who came to the United States as children and meet several key guidelines may request consideration of deferred action for a period of two years, subject to renewal, and would then be eligible for work authorization. Deferred action is a discretionary determination to defer removal action of an individual as an act of prosecutorial discretion. Deferred action does not provide an individual with lawful status.

DREAMer: A non-U.S. citizen or permanent resident high school student who qualifies for in-state college tuition under the Illinois’ HB-60 State Legislation and who will benefit from the Illinois DREAM ACT, a provision that supports children of immigrants in Illinois signed by Governor Pat Quinn in 2011.

EFC (Expected Family Contribution): The amount a family is expected to contribute to a student’s education. EFC is calculated based on family earnings, net assets, savings, and size of family and number of family members in college.

FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid): The form that must be completed by students and parents applying for Federal Title IV student aid: www.fafsa.ed.gov. Note: do NOT use fafsa.com or fafsa.net.

Federal Stafford Loan (also, Federal Direct Loan): These student financial aid loans are obtained through banks, lending institutions or colleges. To qualify, students must be enrolled in a college degree program at least part-time. The loans may be subsidized (need-based, typically for low-income students), or unsubsidized (not need-based so any student can apply). Students apply by filling out the FAFSA. Formerly called the Guaranteed Student Loan.

FSEOG: Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant. This federal government program provides need-based grants to low-income college students, and is administered through the school’s financial aid office.

Federal Work-Study: The Federal Work-Study Program provides part-time jobs for undergraduate and graduate students with financial need, allowing them to earn money to help pay education expenses. The program encourages community service work and work related to each student’s course of study.

Federal Pell Grant: Need-based federal grant of up to $5,550. Size and eligibility are determined by financial need. Pell Grants are given only for undergraduate or teacher education programs.

Financial Aid: Financial assistance in the form of scholarships, grants, work-study, and loans for education.

Financial Need: The difference between the cost of attendance at a college/institution/university and the Expected Family Contribution.

For-Profit School: Educational institutions that are run by private, profit-seeking companies or organizations.

Full Time: Generally a student who is enrolled for 12 credits or more is considered at full time enrollment.

Graduate Student: A student who holds the bachelor’s degree and is studying for an advanced degree.
**GPA:** Grade Point Average: The average grade earned by a student, figured by dividing the grade points earned by the number of credits attempted.

**Grants:** Financial aid awards that do not have to be repaid. Grants are available through the government, state agencies and colleges.

**Illinois Monetary Award Program (MAP) Grant:** MAP is available from the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) to Illinois residents who are undergraduates at an Illinois college who are enrolled in at least three (3) credit hours. The MAP grant is applied to in-district tuition.

**Loan:** A type of financial aid that is available to students and parents. Education loan programs have varying interest rates and repayment provisions. An education loan must be repaid. The Community Foundation Loan programs are for students and provided that they are paid according to the payment schedule, no interest is charged.

**Major:** An academic major, major concentration, concentration, or simply major is mainly a U.S. and Canadian term for a college or university student’s main field of specialization during his or her undergraduate studies which would be in addition to, and may incorporate portions of, a core curriculum

**Merit-Based:** Financial aid for which financial need is not used to determine the recipient. The recipient may be determined by students’ athletic, academic, or artistic abilities.

**MPN:** Master Promissory Note. This form promises repayment, and is signed by a student or parent when taking out a PLUS or Stafford Loan.

**Need Analysis:** Process used to determine student’s need for financial assistance by comparing COA (cost of attendance) with the EFC (expected family contribution).

**Need-based:** Need-based financial aid is reserved for low-income students.

**Net Price Calculator:** Calculator that allows prospective students to calculate an estimated net price at an institution using the following basic formula: Price of attendance minus grant aid. Based on the information entered by the student, an average net price of attendance is generated based on what similar students paid in previous year.

**Non-Renewable Scholarship:** A scholarship that is awarded one time only.

**Part Time:** Generally a student who is enrolled for 6 – 11 credits is considered at part time enrollment.

**PLUS Loans:** Loan parents can take out to pay for their dependent child’s education expenses (Parent PLUS Loans). Graduate students may also take out loans through the PLUS loan program (Grad PLUS Loans). PLUS loans are not based on need (they do not require submission of the FAFSA) and cannot exceed the COA (Cost of Attendance) minus other financial aid received.

**PSAT/NMSQT (Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test / National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test):** Practice test for the SAT usually taken in the sophomore or junior year of high school. PSAT scores are used to qualify students as National Merit semifinalists and finalists, which may make them eligible to receive merit-based scholarships from private foundations or their university or college.

**Renewable Scholarship:** A scholarship that is awarded for more than one year. The student may need to reapply or maintain a specified GPA to retain the scholarship each year

**SAR (Student Aid Report):** An output document is generated for a student by the Federal application processor. The SAR contains financial and other information reported by the student on the FAFSA. The student’s Expected Family Contribution (EFC) is printed on the front of the SAR and is the figure used by colleges to determine eligibility for aid.

**SAT:** Scholastic Aptitude Test: a standardized aptitude test for college admission developed by the College Entrance Examination Board, consisting of questions testing verbal and mathematical skills that are graded on a scale from 200 to 800 points and according to percentile rank.

**Scholarships:** Funds used to pay for higher education that do not have to be repaid. Scholarships may be awarded based on any number of criteria, such as academics, achievements, talents, and affiliations with various groups, or career aspirations. Scholarships do not have to be repaid.

**Scholarship Acceptance Forms:** An official document issued by the scholarship provider listing the scholarship award offered to the applicant. It must be completed and returned by the applicant for the provider.
**Stafford Loan:** A federally financed student loan. There are two types of Stafford Loans:

- **Subsidized Stafford Loan** – After filing the FAFSA students with financial need may be eligible to receive the subsidized Stafford Loan, which does not charge interest until the student graduates or leaves school.

- **Unsubsidized Stafford Loan** – Unsubsidized loans are available for students who do not file the FAFSA or do not qualify for the subsidized loans. Although loan payments are not required until after the student graduates or leaves school, interest charges will accrue (accumulate to be paid at a later date) while the student attends school.

**Transcript:** A list of all the courses that a student has taken at a particular high school or college with the grades that the student earned in each course.

**Undergraduate Student:** A student in a university or college who has not received a bachelor’s degree.

**Unmet Need:** The amount of financial aid eligibility that is not provided by the institution.

**What’s Next Illinois (WNI):** What’s Next Illinois (WNI) is the state of Illinois’ free web-based high school, college and career planning tool. It contains comprehensive information and tools to help students and parents navigate the college and career preparation processes. Chicago Public Schools have customized accounts and every CPS sixth-twelfth grade students have access to the tool. Included in CPS’ version of WNI, are two free web-based ACT, SAT, PSAT and GRE test prep tools.

**Work Study:** A program, awarded by the college, through which students work part-time to help fund their education.
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Scholarship Information for Illinois Public Universities

**Chicago State University (CSU)**
- Link to Transfer Guides: http://www.csu.edu/provost/transferguides/
- Link to Net Price Calculator: http://www.csu.edu/financialaid/npcalc_001.htm
- Link to Institutional Scholarships: http://www.csu.edu/foundation/

**Eastern Illinois University (EIU)**
- Link to Transfer Guides: http://www.eiu.edu/~transfer/coop_coursesub.php
- Link to Institutional Scholarships: http://www.eiu.edu/finaid/scholarships.php

**Illinois State University (ISU)**
- Link to Transfer Guides: http://www.registrar.ilstu.edu/transfer/course.shtml
- Link to Net Price Calculator: http://financialaid.illinoisstate.edu/prospective/estimator/
- Link to Institutional Scholarships: http://financialaid.illinoisstate.edu/scholarships/

**Northeastern Illinois University (NEIU)**
- Link to Transfer Guides: http://www.neiu.edu/NEIU%20Departments/Administrative%20Departments/Admissions/Undergraduate%20Students/Transfer%20Policies%20and%20Articulation/Transfer%20Articulation%20Guides/Transfer_Articulation_Guides.html
- Link to Net Price Calculator: http://www.neiu.edu/~mtamos/
- Link to Institutional Scholarships: http://www.neiu.edu/NEIU%20Departments/Administrative%20Departments/financial-aid/types_aid/scholarships/index.html

**Northern Illinois University (NIU)**
- Link to Transfer Guides: http://www.niu.edu/admissions/transfer/credits/index.shtml
- Link to Net Price Calculator: http://www.niu.edu/fa/netprice/npcalc.htm
- Link to Institutional Scholarships: http://www.niu.edu/scholarships/Scholarships%20for%20Incoming%20Students%2012-131.pdf#Scholarship%20Chart
  - http://www.scholarships.niu.edu/ScholarshipFinder/

**Southern Illinois University, Carbondale (SIUC)**
- Link to Transfer Guides: http://transfer.siu.edu/
- Link to Net Price Calculator: http://www.collegeportraits.org/IL/SIU/estimator/agree
- Link to Institutional Scholarships: http://scholarships.siu.edu/

**Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville (SIUE)**
- Link to Transfer Guides: http://www.sie.edu/transfer/transfer-credit-equivalency-guides.shtml
  - https://ssb.sie.edu/pls/wwwprod/f?p=104:3:1893807836272168::NO:::
- Link to Institutional Scholarships: http://www.sie.edu/financialaid/scholarships/institutional.shtml

**University of Illinois, Chicago (UIC)**
- Link to Transfer Guides: http://www.uic.edu/depts/oar/undergrad/transfer_guides.html
  - https://www.transfer.org/uselect/
- Link to Net Price Calculator: http://www.uic.edu/depts/financialaid/npcalc.htm
- Link to Institutional Scholarships: http://www.uic.edu/depts/financialaid/instprogsschlp.shtml
University of Illinois, Springfield (UIS)
Link to Transfer Guides: http://www.uis.edu/admissions/transfer/
Link to Institutional Scholarships: http://www.uis.edu/financialaid/scholarships/index.html

University of Illinois, Urbana Champaign (UIUC)
Link to Transfer Guides: http://www.admissions.illinois.edu/apply/requirements_articulation.html
http://www.admissions.illinois.edu/apply/selectprogram.aspx
Link to Net Price Calculator: http://www.osfa.illinois.edu/aid/NPC/NPC.asp
Link to Institutional Scholarships: http://www.osfa.uiuc.edu/aid/scholarships/
Link to ACES Pre-College Program: http://academics.aces.illinois.edu/diversity

Western Illinois University (WIU)
Link to Transfer Guides: http://www.wiu.edu/student_services/undergraduate_admissions/transfer/articulation.php
Link to Institutional Scholarships: http://www.wiu.edu/student_services/scholarship/

Scholarship Information for the City Colleges of Chicago

City Colleges of Chicago (CCC)
Link to Institutional Scholarships: http://www.ccc.edu/services/Documents/Scholarships/CCC2013Scholarships.pdf
Fall Deadline: June 1-July 15
Spring Deadline: October 15-December 1
Scholarship Application: http://www.ccc.edu/services/Documents/Scholarships/CityCollegeofChicagoScholarshipApplicationForm.pdf
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<td>This year’s Chicago Football Classic seeks to broaden their HBCU College Fair into an Empowerment Summit. Their vision is to produce a summit that will include a health and wellness component, financial seminar, and Greek life on campus. There will be a CPS High School Battle of the Bands and Morehouse College and Central State University will be playing in the Football Classic.</td>
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<td>CPS Gates Millennium Scholarship Information Meeting</td>
<td>University of Illinois at Chicago</td>
<td>5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.</td>
<td>Seniors with an unweighted gpa of 3.3, are African American, American Indian (Alaska Native, Asian Pacific Islander, Black, Hispanic American, high school senior, GED or high school graduate can come to this event to learn how to complete a successful Gates Millennium Scholarship.</td>
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<td>Wednesday, September 25, 2013</td>
<td>CPS Gates Millennium Scholarship Information Meeting</td>
<td>Chicago State University</td>
<td>5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.</td>
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<td>Thursday, September 26, 2013</td>
<td>CPS Gates Millennium Scholarship Information Meeting</td>
<td>Loyola University</td>
<td>5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.</td>
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<td>Saturday, September 28, 2013</td>
<td>NACAC Fair</td>
<td>Navy Pier, Festival Hall A, 600 East Grand Avenue, Chicago, IL</td>
<td>11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.</td>
<td>College-bound seniors are strongly encouraged to attend this fair and participate in some of the financial aid and college-search workshops. High school juniors are also encouraged to attend and inquire about free summer pre-college programs from the admissions representatives. Parking in East Garage is $5.</td>
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<td>Friday, October 4, 2013</td>
<td>CPS Senior Strategic Planning Day</td>
<td>Locations: La Casa Student Resource Center, 1815 S. Paulina, Chicago, IL. Parking is available in the lot located on 18th Place, behind Resurrection Project Church Building</td>
<td>5:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.</td>
<td>CPS Class of 2014 school leaders with a 3.0 or higher GPA and 20 or higher ACT are invited to attend this college preparation event. We will assist you in developing a postsecondary plan that helps you make academically and financially feasible college choices, obtain information about CPS strategic scholarships, and obtain information about federal and state financial aid programs. Space is limited to 50 participants. Registration is first come, first served until seats are filled. Due to limited space, no guests.</td>
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<td>Saturday, October 12, 2013</td>
<td>Black Men of Chicago College Scholarship Fair</td>
<td>UIC Forum, 725 S Roosevelt Road, Chicago, IL</td>
<td>9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.</td>
<td>The 100 Black Men of Chicago sponsors one of the most prestigious college fairs in Chicago. Harvard, Dartmouth, Princeton and Grinnell College will be in attendance with several other colleges and universities from across the United States. Additionally, on-site scholarship offers are available!</td>
<td>100bmc.org</td>
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<td>Sunday, October 13, 2013</td>
<td>Performing and Visual Arts College Fair</td>
<td>Chicago High School for the Arts, 521 E. 35th Street, Chicago, IL</td>
<td>1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.</td>
<td>We encourage seniors who are interested in performing and visual arts to attend this fair and meet with admissions representatives.</td>
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<td>Sunday, October 27, 2013</td>
<td>Hispanic Association of Colleges &amp; Universities (HACU) Fair</td>
<td>Hilton Chicago Hotel, 720 S Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL</td>
<td>2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.</td>
<td>Middle and high school students can meet with local college and university representatives, meet future employers and attend college-related workshops.</td>
<td><a href="http://www.hacu.net/images/hacu/conf/2013%20College%20And%20Career%20Fair%20Brochure.pdf">http://www.hacu.net/images/hacu/conf/2013%20College%20And%20Career%20Fair%20Brochure.pdf</a></td>
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<td>Friday, November 8, 2013</td>
<td>10th Annual Siemens HBCU College Fair</td>
<td>Sheraton Hotel and Towers, 101 E North Water Street, Chicago, IL</td>
<td>Fair: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.</td>
<td>Representatives from 31 HBCUs will be on-site to provide information about their respective colleges. They will have information about scholarship offerings as well. Note: Schools must reserve buses and send groups of students who QUALIFY to attend the college fair. Information will be sent to counselors next week. Students cannot attend the fair on their own, they must come with their schools.</td>
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<td>Friday, January 31, 2014</td>
<td>CPS Scholarship Information Meeting</td>
<td>CPS Central Office, 125 S Clark Street, Conference Room 1350</td>
<td>5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.</td>
<td>*Graduating seniors from each CPS High School will meet with some of CPS Strategic Scholarship providers, obtain information about financial aid, college planning and college financial information for undocumented students. Each senior will receive a copy of the 2013-2014 CPS Scholarship Guide.</td>
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<td>Wednesday, May 22, 2014</td>
<td>Scholarship Awards Luncheon</td>
<td>TBD</td>
<td>12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.</td>
<td>Class of 2014 seniors who are awarded the City of Chicago, Senior Success, Clarity, Excel, Explorers, Osiris, Odyssey, Smart, Success, Vision, Walt Disney, and Wester Educational Fund Scholarships and students with a 3.0 ACT score are invited to attend this luncheon.</td>
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