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How to Apply for a Scholarship

The Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln administers a variety of college scholarships, mostly for graduating seniors in Sangamon County, but some for older students or students throughout Illinois. Each scholarship was established by generous donors and is unique with its own set of criteria for applicants.

The deadline to apply for 2017 scholarships has passed but we encourage you to review the list below of scholarships that we currently administer here at the Community Foundation. To review specific information and instructions on how to apply for scholarships to be awarded in 2018, please check our website near the end of the year.

The 2018 scholarship application period is January 1, 2018 to March 1, 2018. Please visit this website to during that period to complete and submit your scholarship applications. Students may apply for and be awarded multiple scholarships.

If you have any questions about Community Foundation scholarships, please email scholarships@cfl.org.

[Recent Scholarship Awards](#)

Photo Gallery

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Scholarship Opportunities

The Association for Women in Communications, Springfield Chapter, Communications Scholarship

- Juniors, seniors and graduate students majoring in communications, journalism, public relations or related fields such as marketing, design, videography, photography, etc., that are from Central Illinois or attend a College or University in Central Illinois

CFLL Service Scholarship

- Be an extraordinary example of service to others and to the community. Must be nominated by a high school principal in Sangamon County.

Charlie Cottle Scholarship

- Chatham Glenwood High School varsity athlete

CIELO Medical Scholarship

- Latino descent and pursuing specified medical profession at an institution within Sangamon County

Country Financial Community Scholarship Fund

- Graduates of high schools throughout Sangamon, Menard, Macoupin, Montgomery, Cass, Morgan and Greene counties who have demonstrated exemplary community service.

Don W. Casper Memorial Scholarship

- Graduating seniors of Springfield High who excel academically and play varsity sports

Donald Lee and Donna Wolaver Memorial Golf Scholarship

- Golf team member at high school in Sangamon County

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Current News

Frontiers International Springfield Club Scholarship

- Preference is given to African-American students (either male or female) and to applicants with substantial financial need

Gerald F. and Luanna R. Kennedy Scholarship

- Graduating senior from Pana High School with a demonstrated history of contribution to the community

Girls on the Run Founder Scholarship

- Graduating female senior who participated in the GOTR of Central Illinois program

Henry Bunn Memorial Scholarship

- A graduating high school student or college student that is a current resident of Sangamon County that demonstrates financial need and superior academic work

Illinois Women in Leadership High School Scholarship

- Female exhibiting leadership qualities and strong potential and desire for professional growth

Illinois Women in Leadership Chrysalis Award

- Female who has earned a high school diploma or GED at least 5 years ago exhibiting leadership qualities and strong potential and desire for professional growth

Jamie K. Patino Math and Science Scholarship

- Springfield Southeast High School student seeking a degree in the field of engineering, math or science

Joseph and Lois Morris Memorial Scholarship

- Must be nominated by Springfield High Guidance Counselor; contact your guidance counselor for more information. Unsolicited applications will not be accepted.

Jim Byron Scholarship

- Williamsville High School student involved in service and school activities

Linda S. Culver Memorial Scholarship

- A college junior, senior or graduate student that is currently registered as a Girl Scout with the Girl Scouts of Central Illinois

Lori L. Kashmer Scholarship

- Pursuing a degree in nursing, health or medical career or in veterinary medicine as a part-time or full-time student that exhibits a passion for learning and demonstrates financial need

Margaret Johnson Special Education Scholarship

- Graduating from a high school in Sangamon County and pursuing a degree in special education, with the intent of teaching special education students

Mary Lou and Dwight Pitman Scholarship

- Area public high school student in Sangamon County other than Springfield School District or Chatham School District with siblings planning to or attending college

O'Brien Medical or Health Related Field of Study Scholarship

- Graduating senior from a high school in Sangamon County that demonstrates financial need and is pursuing a degree or certificate in a medical or health related field of study.

Paul V. Gage Community Service Scholarship

- Vienna High School student demonstrating a record of service

Pearl Fairfield Scholarship

- Graduating senior from a high school in Sangamon County that demonstrates financial need. Preference will be given to students from a single-parent household.

Reverend Kenneth H. White Family Scholarship

- Lanphier High School student planning to obtain a State Teaching Certificate to teach in the public school system

Roland Machinery Scholarship

- Open to students pursuing a degree or certificate in a profession related to construction, mechanical engineering, or other related trades. Must be a graduating senior from a high school in one of the following counties: Sangamon, Christian, Montgomery, Macoupin, Scott, Morgan, Cass, Menard, Mason and Logan

Sgt. John R. Dalhaus Memorial Scholarship Fund

- Graduating student from Litchfield High School pursuing a degree in a vocational field

Spanish American Cultural Center Scholarship

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- Latin American descent and be a graduating senior (or GED certificate) from one of the following Illinois counties: Sangamon, Cass, Douglas, Champaign, Macon, McLean or Morgan

SAHBA Construction/Robert E. von Behren Memorial Scholarship

- Open to students pursuing a career in the building industry in the following counties: Sangamon, Christian, Montgomery, Macoupin, Scott, Morgan, Cass, Menard, Mason and Logan

World War II Illinois Descendants Statewide Scholarship

- Must be a direct descendant of a WWII Illinois Veteran and have a 4.0 GPA on a non-weighted scale (or be the projected valedictorian or salutatorian)

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Country Financial Community Scholarship

DESCRIPTION

This scholarship is awarded to current and former graduates of high schools in Sangamon, Menard, Macoupin, Montgomery, Cass, Morgan, and Greene counties who have demonstrated excellence in community service. Multiple recipients will be awarded.

REQUIREMENTS

- 1 - Must be a graduate of a high school in Sangamon, Menard, Macoupin, Montgomery, Cass, Morgan, and Greene counties.
- 2 - Have a minimum GPA of 3.0 on a non-weighted 4.0 scale.
- 3 - Be an extraordinary example of service to others and to the community.
- 4 - Scheduled to attend school as a full-time student in the coming fall at an accredited, nonprofit community college, 4-year college/university or vocational/technical school.
- 5 - Must be a 1st - 4th year college student in the coming fall.

NUMBER OF AWARDS

10

AWARD AMOUNT

\$2,000

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website
for scholarship.

* Do not have to have Country
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