

# Scholarship Resources

[financialaid.illinoisstate.edu/scholarships](http://financialaid.illinoisstate.edu/scholarships)

## Military Scholarships

Illinois Reserve Officer's Training Corp (ROTC) Scholarship – Available to a full-time student enrolled in a Military Science course. Contact the Illinois State University Military Science Department for details; <http://rotc.illinoisstate.edu/prospective/scholarships.shtml>

MIA-POW - Any eligible spouse or eligible child of an eligible veteran or service person may be awarded an MIA-POW scholarship to pay for in-state tuition and certain fees for up to 4 years of full-time enrollment. For more information and an application, contact the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs; P.O. Box 19432, 833 South Spring Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62794-9432; (217) 782-3564.

## Teaching Scholarships

Illinois Special Education Teacher Tuition Waiver (SETTW) - Available to academically talented students and current teachers (not certified in a special education discipline) to pursue careers in any area of Special Education. More information can be found on the Illinois Student Assistance Commission website: [www.isac.org](http://www.isac.org)

Minority Teachers of Illinois (MTI) – Available to academically talented minority students to pursue careers as teachers. More information can be found on the Illinois Student Assistance Commission website: [www.isac.org](http://www.isac.org)

## Miscellaneous Scholarships

Grant Program for Dependents of Corrections Officers – Available to the spouses or children of a State of Illinois Department of Corrections officer who was killed or became at least 90 percent disabled in the line of duty. More information can be found on the Illinois Student Assistance Commission website: [www.isac.org](http://www.isac.org)

Grant Program for Dependents of Police or Fire Officers – Available to the spouses or children of an Illinois Police or Fire officer who was killed or became at least 90 percent disabled in the line of duty. More information can be found on the Illinois Student Assistance Commission website: [www.isac.org](http://www.isac.org)

# Scholarships

Searching for scholarship dollars takes time and persistence. It's never too late to start. Most scholarships are organized around an interest, an organization, a place, a career, an extracurricular activity, or an ethnicity. Begin by identifying characteristics that best describe you and your interests. By doing so, it becomes easier to pinpoint organizations, programs, and donors that sponsor scholarships for students with your unique characteristics.

Other good places to begin a search are your own hometown, as many times scholarship dollars are geographically based. Contact local organizations such as parent and student employers; labor unions; local, religious, and service organizations; your high school counselor; professional organizations in which your parents or guardians may be associated; local and state legislators; hospitals, civic organizations, local banks, and businesses.

Here are a few scholarship resources you might find useful.



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## Scholarship Search Tips

- Get involved in Community Service/Volunteering — these efforts look great on a scholarship application
- Participate in school activities and clubs - Keep track of any “positions/offices” you held in those groups and the various volunteer activities you chaired, participated in and/or initiated
- Write up a list of your community service/volunteer efforts and activities to be used when applying for scholarships
- Update your resume
- Obtain letters of recommendations
- Contact Scholarship Donors for applications and deadline information

## Contact the following for scholarship opportunities

- Local government offices
- Local police or fire organizations
- High school
- Parent’s employer
- Student’s employer
- Local banks — sometimes they are the trustees of scholarships
- Civic & social organizations
- Religious organizations
- Professional organizations



## Online Searches —

Utilize scholarship searches to discover local and national scholarship opportunities. Here are just a few sites we recommend you visit to assist in your search for scholarships to fund your college education. Be cautious of any Web site which solicits credit card information or requests payment to process your scholarship application; *do not pay for scholarship search information.*

- Scholarship America ([www.scholarshipamerica.org](http://www.scholarshipamerica.org))
- Sallie Mae Scholarship Search ([www.collegeanswer.com](http://www.collegeanswer.com))
- Fastweb ([www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com))
- Mach 25 ([www.collegenet.com/mach25](http://www.collegenet.com/mach25))
- NextStudent ([www.nextstudent.com](http://www.nextstudent.com))
- Peterson’s Scholarship Search ([www.petersons.com](http://www.petersons.com))



## ScholarshipFinder — [scholarshipfinder.illinoisstate.edu](http://scholarshipfinder.illinoisstate.edu)

You can use the ScholarshipFinder to search for scholarship opportunities through Illinois State University. ScholarshipFinder is a Google-style searchable database which will give you information on various institutional scholarships.



## Additional Scholarship Opportunities – [financialaid.illinoisstate.edu/scholarships](http://financialaid.illinoisstate.edu/scholarships)

Your high school guidance counselors’ office is a good place to start your scholarship search. They often know about the scholarships available only to students in your school, town, or county which are typically easier to get because the applicant pool is smaller.

Many departments, programs, and schools at Illinois State award limited scholarship or tuition waiver funds. Visit your intended program’s website to learn more. Our tips page on the Scholarships website lists general, teacher, and state scholarship and grant programs: <http://financialaid.illinoisstate.edu/scholarships>

# Scholarships and grants for EDUCATION MAJORS



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The types of scholarships and grants available to you depend greatly on the type of education major you are and a variety of other factors depending on the program. Use this guide to begin identifying possibilities that might be appropriate for you.

## ▶ College of Education Scholarships

[Education.IllinoisState.edu/Scholarships](http://Education.IllinoisState.edu/Scholarships)

- Application period: **March 1-31** each year
- Many different types of awards of varying monetary values
- Must file FAFSA and submit a FERPA waiver before you apply

## ▶ Golden Apple Scholars program

[www.goldenapple.org/becoming-a-scholar](http://www.goldenapple.org/becoming-a-scholar)

- Several “paths” to becoming a scholar—high school senior, community college student, college sophomore
- Qualifications and application deadlines vary based on your path
- Must be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen and a resident of Illinois
- Teaching obligation of five years in an Illinois school in need, as defined by the Golden Apple Foundation
- \$2,500 per year for freshmen and sophomores; \$5,000 per year for juniors and seniors; additional stipend may be available for participating in summer program

## ▶ Minority Teachers of Illinois Scholarship

[http://bit.ly/ISAC\\_MTI](http://bit.ly/ISAC_MTI)

- Priority application deadline is **March 1** prior to start of the academic year for which you are applying (must reapply each year)
- Must be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen, a resident of Illinois, high school graduate or GED recipient, and either African American/Black, Hispanic American, Asian American, or Native American origin
- Must maintain a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale
- Teaching obligation of one year, full-time, for each year in which scholarship assistance was received
- Up to \$5,000 per year award that **cannot** be combined with funds from Special Education Teacher Tuition Waiver or Golden Apple Scholarship

## ▶ Special Education Teacher Tuition Waiver

[http://bit.ly/ISAC\\_SETTW](http://bit.ly/ISAC_SETTW)

- Priority application deadline is **March 1** prior to start of the academic year for which you are applying (only required to apply once)
- Must be enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program seeking initial certification in any area of special education
- Must be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen and a resident of Illinois
- Must begin teaching special education full-time within a year of graduating or leaving the teacher education program and continue teaching for at least two of the five years immediately following
- Waives all tuition and mandatory fees for all terms (including summer) up to four years, but **cannot** be combined with funds from Minority Teachers of Illinois Scholarship or Golden Apple Scholarship

## ▶ TEACH Grant

[FinancialAid.IllinoisState.edu/grants/teach.shtml](http://FinancialAid.IllinoisState.edu/grants/teach.shtml)

- No application deadline—may be awarded any time during the academic term for which you are applying
- Undergraduate or graduate students may qualify
- Must be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen
- Teach full time in a federally-approved high-need field in a school that serves low-income students for at least four years within eight calendar years after completing program of study for which grant was received
- Up to \$4,000 per year for up to four years