

Scholarship Application

The Illinois Club

When applying in the fall, applicant must be at least a second semester Sophomore by hours. These awards are for the next academic year, not this year, and are for Juniors and Seniors only. You must have at least one semester left after this academic year.

Deadline: December 1

Award eligibility is *not* based on gender.
You will be considered for all awards for which you are eligible.

Selection is based upon various criteria that may include:

- Academic Achievement
- Financial Need
- Educational Plans and Goals
- Work and Volunteer Experience
- Personal Statement

A complete application includes:

- 1. Personal Statement**
- 2. Résumé**
- 3. Unofficial Transcript (using UI Integrate Self Service)**
- 4. Award History (using UI Integrate Self Service)**

Please tell us in your statement of 500 words or less how you are now or later planning to make a difference in the lives of others with your education, work or volunteer experience. Be specific about experiences (especially volunteer and work) you have had in high school and/or college and how those have helped shape you and your goals and plans. Please also submit a résumé and copies of your entire academic and award histories. For Ikenberry applications, you may also submit small portfolios.

We will confirm receipt of application via e-mail and will let you know if we need anything further, such as reference contacts. Our selection of interview candidates will be completed by mid-January. We will let you know via e-mail if you have been selected or not. *If selected for an interview you will be required to provide an official transcript to verify your academic history.* Interviews will take place late January and early February. All information collected will be kept confidential and shared with no one outside the Scholarship Committee.

Please send *signed* Application, Personal Statement, Résumé, Academic & Award Histories to:

applications@theillinoisclub.org

Name: _____ UIN # _____

E-mail Address: _____

Local Address: _____

Local Phone: _____

Permanent Address: _____

Permanent Phone: _____

_____ Judith Life Ikenberry Fine Arts Award – must be College of FAA or LAS Creative Writing majors

_____ Isabelle Purnell Award – must be earning a Teaching Certificate

_____ Susan T. Haney Social Work Award – must be School of Social Work major

_____ Make-A-Difference Award – can be any major

College, Department, & Major: _____

Date of Anticipated Graduation (Month & Year):
 All-University GPA (must have 2.75 minimum): Previous Semester's GPA:
 Total Hours Earned: Hours Enrolled this Semester:
 If you transferred as a student, which institution(s) did you attend and when?

FAMILY INFORMATION

Mother's Occupation: Father's Occupation:
 Approximate Annual Income: Approximate Annual Income:
 Other Siblings in Family and Ages:
 Siblings at Home: Family Members in College: Other Dependents of Parent(s):
 Other Comments:

FINANCIAL AID – Please Use ANNUAL Amounts
 (Grants, Scholarships, & Loans *you are expecting next year*)

<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Repayable (Yes/No; When)</u>

BUDGET for NEXT YEAR

Expenses (Please estimate your <i>annual</i> expenses)	Money Sources (Please estimate your <i>annual</i> resources)
Tuition and Fees:	Savings:
Room and Board:	Student Employment:
Books:	Family Contribution:
Transportation:	Scholarships & Grants:
Miscellaneous:	Loans:
Total Expenses:	Total Resources:

What do you estimate will be the amount of your repayable loans on the day you graduate?
 When will you start repaying your loans? Loan amount you are repaying now?
 Your parents' debt incurred on your behalf? How much will you repay them?

SIGNATURE STATEMENT

I authorize the Office of Student Financial Aid, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, to provide or verify information regarding my enrollment and/or financial need to the Scholarship Donor on this form, if necessary. If awarded a scholarship, I agree to use it to further my education program through the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. The Illinois Club scholarship is awarded in two parts, beginning with the fall semester, and is to be divided equally between each semester. Early graduation will result in a half scholarship. I understand that the award will be publicized.

Student's Signature: Date:

Answers to Questions You Might Have

<u>Personal Statement</u>	500 words or less please! We do look at how your volunteer, work, educational and leadership experiences have helped shape you, and what you intend to do with those experiences.
<u>Résumé</u>	A résumé that you already have produced for a job search will be fine.
<u>Unofficial Transcript</u>	We are looking for all credits earned at Illinois as well as transfer & AP credits.
<u>Award History</u>	We are looking for all scholarships, grants, loans, etc. you've had at Illinois. If you are a transfer student, then please let us know what financial help you received at your other institutions in a separate document.
<u>All-University GPA</u>	Cumulative GPA, including transferred credits.
<u>Total Hours Earned</u>	All hours earned from all sources.
<u>Transfer Students</u>	We do consider transfer students, even if this is your first semester at Illinois.
<u>Parent's Occupation/Income</u>	If you are independent of your parents and/or married, please use these and following questions to describe yourself and your family, changing titles as necessary so we can understand your family's structure.
<u>Other Siblings in Family</u>	Should include step siblings and older siblings.
<u>Siblings at Home</u>	Only siblings being supported by your parents. This should not include you.
<u>Family Members in College</u>	This should include your parents & siblings if some or all of their expenses are being paid for by your parents, but should not include you.
<u>Other Dependents</u>	This should include grandparents, nieces, nephews, or other relatives that your parents are supporting. These should not be included in "Siblings at Home".
<u>Other Comments</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✦ May include mitigating factors such as parents laid off or on disability, death of parent, or other things which have made your financial situation difficult.✦ If your parents have taken out second mortgages or loans to help you or your siblings with educational expenses, then you should make a note of that.✦ If your parents have taken out loans on your behalf, but are expecting you to repay them, then please tell us.✦ If you plan on getting another degree, this is a good place to mention it.✦ If you are independent, please make additional notes here as necessary.✦ Just tell us whatever you think might be relevant or helpful to us.
<u>Financial Aid</u>	Please estimate what you think (or know) you will receive next year.
<u>Repayable (Yes/No; When)</u>	It is important that we know if these sources need to be paid back, as well as <i>when</i> you need to start paying them back.
<u>Budget</u>	Please estimate what you think your expenses and money sources for the next academic year will be. We know it's nearly a year away, but give it your best! Expenses should equal money sources at the end.
<u>Your repayable loans</u>	Only the loans for which you will be legally responsible for, and not your parents. If you will owe your parents money, then that is asked for later.
<u>When you start repaying</u>	Year and month you will need to start repaying your loans.
<u>Loan amount repaying now</u>	Only if you are repaying any of your loans now.
<u>Your parents' debt</u>	Amount of loans or mortgages that your parents have incurred on your behalf.
<u>How much repay parents</u>	Amount that you will owe your parents when you graduate.