

COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT (CSBG) SCHOLARSHIP

OBJECTIVE

The CSBG Scholarship is designed, in cooperation with the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, to provide financial assistance to low-income and disadvantaged persons of high academic attainment or potential. Scholarships will go toward providing formal education or occupational training in an accredited Illinois educational institution to CSBG-eligible clients, with particular consideration given to study in high technology areas or other growth occupations. Education and training made possible through the scholarships include either general education to achieve short-term training (2 years or less) in growth occupation skills, or general post-secondary education.

Applicants must be:

1. CSBG income-eligible, see enclosed guidelines.
2. DuPage County resident.
3. Enrolled or accepted at an Illinois accredited higher educational or occupational training institute.

Stipulations: This award will be retracted if it causes a reduction in any other financial aid.

This award will be retracted if not utilized entirely for educational related purposes.

Recipients must provide proof of enrollment in an institution of higher learning.

Residents pursuing a master's degree or attending a professional school, need not apply.

To be considered for this scholarship, you must include:

1. Completed application form.
2. **Proof of entire family household gross income for the past 90 days must be exhibited by proof of fixed income or check stubs.**
3. Essay of 500 words, typed and double-spaced, on one of the following topics:
 - a. Relating personal achievements to goals
 - b. Personal statement
4. Official transcripts signed by school dean or counselor, in sealed envelope from school.
5. Two signed and dated letters of recommendation (**originals**, please): one from a member of the faculty at school last attended or employer/agency if not currently a student; and one from a member of the community, who is not a relative and is over the age of 18.
6. A Financial Aid audit form from school attending, if applicable.
7. Proof of residence in DuPage County (such as a photocopy of letter/bill addressed to the applicant or parent or guardian).
8. Proof of enrollment at an Illinois accredited higher educational or occupational training institute.

All materials must be received by October 30, 2009 and addressed to:

DuPage County Community Services
CSBG Scholarship Program
421 North County Farm Road
Wheaton, IL 60187

Scholarship recipients will be notified as soon as possible.

For additional information call (630) 407-6500 or 1-800-942-9412; TDD (630) 407-6502.

*****When mailing, please arrange application materials in the order shown above. Thank you*****

Name: _____
 (Last) (First) (M.I.)

Date: ____/____/____
 Mo Day Yr

Address: _____
 (No.) (Street)

 (City) (Zip)

SS#: _____
 Phone: _____

Email address: _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Number of household members ____
 Mo Day Yr

Sex: Male ____ Female ____ Disabled: Yes ____ or No ____

Applicant Gross Income \$_____ Source(s) of Income: _____

HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION (please list information on **all household members):**

Name	Relationship to Client	Age	Sex	Amount & Source of Gross Income for Past 90 Days		Ethnicity
				Income	Source	

***Use back of application if necessary**

Total: \$ _____

Other Financial Awards and/or Scholarships Granted:

Name of Last Secondary School Attended:

_____ (School) (Location) (Period Attended)

Date of Graduation or General Education Diploma: _____ (Mo./Yr.)

Name of College or Vocational Institution: _____

I hereby certify that the answers to the above questions are true and I agree and understand that any false statements contained in this application may cause rejection of the application or termination of any assistance received. I understand that to perjure to obtain assistance is a fraudulent offense for which I can be prosecuted.

Applicant's Signature: _____