



East Central Illinois Community Action Agency

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

East Central Illinois Community Action Agency is offering scholarships to income eligible individuals who reside in Ford, Iroquois, or Vermilion County and are furthering their education by enrolling in courses at an accredited college, university, or technical/vocational school within the state of Illinois. Funding for this initiative is provided by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

To qualify, this application, completed in its entirety, with the required essay must be submitted no later than Friday, April 15, 2011. Students already enrolled in college must also submit a copy of their most recent grades or a college transcript. Scholarship finalists will be asked to provide verification of family income. *Successful candidates must meet income guidelines.*

INCOME GUIDELINES

(125% of Federal Poverty Guidelines)

Family Size	Annual Income
1	\$13,613
2	\$18,388
3	\$23,163
4	\$27,938
5	\$32,713
6	\$36,488

Add \$4,775 for each additional person

Please return the Scholarship Application and essay to:

East Central Illinois Community Action Agency
c/o Scholarship Selection Committee
56 N. Vermilion Street
Danville, IL 61832

IDENTIFYING INFORMATION AND STATEMENT OF NEED

Name:

Telephone:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Print or type a brief paragraph describing your financial circumstances, how much money you and/or your family can afford to help you attend college, and describe any other financial assistance you will receive (you will be required to provide verification of family income if selected as a finalist).

COLLEGE PLANS

What do you plan to major in?

Which college, university, or vocational/technical school are you currently attending or planning on attending? If you are unsure, which schools are you considering? Why?

COMMUNITY SERVICE/EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Please describe any volunteer effort you have participated in, extracurricular clubs and/or athletic endeavors, work experiences, etc. which you believe is a testament to your character and work ethic.

REFERENCES

Please provide the names, address, and telephone number of three (3) people, non-relatives, who you have known for at least three years. (Pastors, teachers, and employers are examples of whom you might use.)

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE NUMBER

ESSAY REQUIREMENT

To be considered, you must attach a typewritten essay of 300-500 words explaining your goals and future plans for your professional career; why you have chosen the major you have selected, and how well you believe you are prepared for college.

DISCLAIMER

I certify that the information provided is an accurate, complete disclosure of requested information. I authorize the Agency to verify the information by contacting any and all necessary references, schools, and/or businesses as it relates to this application and determining worthiness of receiving the scholarship.

Applicant's Signature

Date