



Illinois Sheriffs' Association

\$500 Scholarship

The Illinois Sheriffs' Association will be awarding 105 scholarships throughout the State of Illinois to students wishing to pursue higher education during the 2007-2008 academic year. The student must be enrolled full-time at a certified institution of higher learning within the State of Illinois.

Eligibility

There shall be no restriction on any applicant by reason of race, age, creed, color, sex or national origin. The only limitations are the following:

- applicants must be permanent Illinois residents.
- scholarships are to be utilized at institutions of higher learning within the State of Illinois.
- students must be enrolled as a full-time student during the 2007-2008 school year (excluding summer session).

Please read the following very carefully. Failure to comply with the rules could result in disqualification.

How to Apply

Applications are available at local sheriff's offices or the internet @ www.ilsheriff.org. Fill out the application, complete the written essay and return all documentation to the **sheriff's office in the county of your permanent residence** by **March 15, 2007 (must be postmarked by this date)**.

Do not send completed applications to the ISA Office!

Distribution of Monies

The scholarship funds will be paid **directly** to the school on behalf of the recipient. The total scholarship award will be divided as follows: 1/2 credited to the fall semester and 1/2 credited to the spring semester. *Funds cannot be used for summer courses and must be used during the 2007-2008 academic year.*

The recipient must instruct the school he/she is attending to notify the ISA office with written notification of full-time enrollment status before any scholarships will be paid. The ISA office must be contacted by the school, **in writing**, before **September 15, 2007.**

Deadlines

The deadline for all application submissions to the applicant's permanent county sheriff's office is **March 15, 2007.** The ISA office must be contacted by the school with written enrollment verification before **September 15, 2007,** or scholarship checks will **not** be issued until such notice has been received.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: ISA scholarship funds are intended to assist students with the cost of tuition, books and fees. No funds can be used for housing or any other incurred expenses. Funds must be used during the regular school year and cannot be used for summer courses. Books must be purchased from a learning institution campus bookstore and directly billed through that institution's bursar's office. If tuition is paid in full by any other scholarship, grant or other financial aid the ISA scholarship cannot be used to reduce the other funding.

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Scholarship Program Guidelines

The Illinois Sheriffs' Association plans to award 105 scholarships of a minimum \$500 during the 2007-2008 academic year. This effort is a meaningful expression of the Association's confidence in, and respect for, education and training.

The Association's goal is to provide assistance to worthy students in furthering their education and training with resources made available through the Associate Membership Program of the Illinois Sheriffs' Association. Illinois sheriffs consider this scholarship program to be an investment in the future which will provide for better communications with the residents of the communities served.

The sum of \$52,500 has been allocated from the 2007 budget to carry on the program for the 2007-2008 academic year. The scholarship will be awarded statewide with distribution based on the number of Associate Members in participating counties. One scholarship will be provided

for each county with an Associate membership(1-500 members). One additional scholarship will be awarded per every 500 Associate Members in the county. Scholarships will only be awarded in counties where the sheriff has authorized the Associate Membership Program.

Scholarship funds are intended to assist students with the cost of tuition, fees and books only. No funds can be used for housing or any other incurred expenses. If a lesser amount (less than \$500) covers all tuition, books and fees required of the student chosen, that lesser amount will be awarded.

The scholarship funds will be paid directly to the school on behalf of the recipient with the instructions that 1/2 is to be credited to the fall semester and 1/2 to the spring semester. However, books must be purchased from the learning institution's campus bookstore and directly billed through the institution's bursar's office. Funds cannot be used for summer courses and must be used during the regular 2007-2008 school year. **The recipient is responsible for having the school notify the ISA office with written verification of full-time enrollment** before any scholarship funds will be paid. The ISA must be contacted by the school, **in writing**, before **September 15, 2007**. If this deadline is not met, the scholarship will be forfeited. **THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS.**

There shall be no restriction on any applicant by reason of race, age, creed, color, sex or national origin. The only limitations are the following:

- 1) applicants be permanent Illinois residents.**
- 2) scholarships are to be utilized at institutions of higher learning within Illinois.**
- 3) students must plan to be enrolled as full-time students.**

Only the immediate family of the sheriff is ineligible to apply. Families of sheriff's office employees are eligible to make application.

Completed applications shall be submitted to the **sheriff of the county** of the applicant's permanent Illinois residence by the **March 15, 2007** deadline. ***A sheriffs directory is available on this Web Site.*** Applicants must be eligible for admission to the school indicated on the application. The award will only be paid for attendance to certified schools within the State of Illinois.

Applications received in the sheriff's office on or before **March 15, 2007** are to be reviewed by a committee of nonpartisan citizens selected by the sheriff. That committee of citizens will review, evaluate and select the winner(s) and two alternates to represent their county.

The names of ALL scholarship winners will be announced by May 1, 2007.

Those who receive scholarships during an academic year may apply again in another year. However, such applicants will be considered along with all others who apply in the county.

If for any reason, a recipient relinquishes a scholarship, that scholarship will be granted to an alternate from the same county which was selected by the local committee.

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Scholarship Program Application

Print Clearly in ink or use typewriter.

Complete ALL of the blanks applicable to you in the form below.

INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

Verification of Admissibility for next academic year:

1. High school students must include a transcript of grades and a letter of acceptance from their college or university, if available.
2. Students currently attending college must include copy of transcripts (does not have to be an official copy-a copy printed off the internet will be sufficient).
3. Students re-entering college after an absence must include a letter of admissibility.
4. **Personal letter** setting forth reasons why you are applying and your plans for the future.
5. **Essay** (no more than 350 words) on the following theme: (Please attach your type-written essay)

Essay Question: What do you think is the biggest problem affecting the youth in your community? If you were to sit down with your Sheriff to discuss this issue, what suggestions would you make in order to deal with this problem?

SUBMIT COMPLETED APPLICATION WITH ALL DOCUMENTS SPECIFIED ABOVE, TO THE COUNTY SHERIFF OF YOUR PERMANENT ILLINOIS RESIDENCE BY MARCH 15, 2007.

Last Name	First	Middle Initial	Birth Date	Age
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Sex: Male Female

Home Address (Number, Street or Route)	Telephone Number
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City, Town, Village	Zip	County	Social Security Number
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Permanent Illinois Address (if different from above):

Number, Street or Route	City	Zip	County
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Present School Status (check one):

_____ High School _____ Undergraduate _____ Vocational _____ Graduate School _____ N/A

School Attendance:

1. High School(s)

College Test Scores:

Dates ACT _____

_____ SAT _____

_____ OTHER _____

Rank in class _____ out of _____ Based on _____ semesters.

2. Institutions of higher learning attended:

Dates

Credits/Degrees
Earned

3. Name of Illinois school to which scholarship would be applied: _____

Course of study to be pursued _____

Parents (or Guardian):

1. Do your parents still claim you as a dependent for tax purposes? _____ Yes _____ No

Father/Guardian Occupation Annual Income

Address

Mother/Guardian Occupation Annual Income

Address

2. Total number of **dependents(# claimed on taxes)** in household including yourself. _____

3. If you are not claimed by your parents or guardian, then complete this section.

Your Occupation Annual Income

Your Spouse's Occupation Annual Income

Do you now hold, or have you applied for, other scholarships? If yes, please identify:

Source Period of Scholarship Amount

Have you received, or have you applied for, financial assistance to pursue your course of study? If yes, please identify:

Source Amount

Employment (List any jobs, indicating dates, full or part-time): _____

List any academic honors, awards, etc.

List extra-curricular activities: _____

Personal References:

Name: _____ Address: _____

Name: _____ Address: _____

Name: _____ Address: _____

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE STATEMENTS HEREIN ARE TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE. I HAVE ENCLOSED A COPY OF THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS: (I UNDERSTAND THAT IF ANY OF THESE DOCUMENTS ARE MISSING, MY APPLICATION WILL NOT BE PROCESSED).

_____ Verification of Admission (if available)

_____ Personal Letter

_____ Transcripts (for College and High School Students)

_____ Essay

Applicant Signature

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