

## Scholarship Application Supporting Documents for The Illinois Club

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*Applicant must have 60 hours of earned credit (U of I, AP, transfer) by the end of the Fall Semester.  
These undergraduate awards are for the next academic year, not this year.  
You must have at least one semester left after this academic year.*

**Deadline: November 1, 5:00 PM**

Awards are *not* based on gender. You will be considered for all awards for which you are eligible.  
Overall GPA of 2.75 or greater required now and at the end of the Fall Semester.

### **Selection is based upon various criteria that include:**

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

### **A complete application must have:**

**Essay - One page; your name must be on the page; MS Word document.**

- **Make-A-Difference & Haney Social Work** – Please include how you are making a difference now and how will you make a difference in the future.
- **Purnell Education** – Please include how you hope to make a difference in your classroom and in your students' lives.
- **STEM Education** – Please include how you plan to get students excited about STEM subjects and how you got excited about those subjects.
- **Ikenberry Fine Arts** – Please include how your art impacts you and the world and what you hope to accomplish with your art. The Ikenberry scholarship is generally given to a fine artist (singer, dancer, writer, actor, artist, graphic artist, etc.), so if you are an applied artist (architect, urban planner, industrial designer, etc.), we'd encourage you to write your essay toward one of our other scholarships.

We examine both your essay and résumé to see how your life, volunteer, work, educational and leadership experiences have helped shape you, and what you intend to do with those experiences. Are you making a difference now, and how will you make a difference in the future? Be specific about experiences (especially volunteer and work) that have impacted you or others.

1. **Résumé – One page; pdf.**
2. **Unofficial Transcript (using UI Integrate Self Service)** – We look at *all* credits earned at the University of Illinois as well as transfer & AP credits. If you have a financial hold on your transcript, it may be lifted for a scholarship application by contacting the Financial Aid Office.  
*This must include your name, UIN, college, major, etc.; pdf.*
3. **Award History & Current Award Letter (using UI Integrate Self Service)** – We examine financial aid (scholarships, grants, loans, etc.) you have had at the University of Illinois. If your records are incorrect (too many or too few awards) those details must be emailed to us. We want your **AWARD HISTORY for all your years here at Illinois and your current AWARD LETTER.**  
*History – Please include years that have no financial aid; and it must include your name; UIN; financial awards and their amounts year by year; pdf.*

**Award History, Transfer Students** – Please submit monetary details on scholarships, grants, loans, etc. from your other institution(s) in additional document(s), preferably from the institution(s). Incorrect records should be noted. Name of institution(s) required.

**Award History, Foreign Students** – Please submit monetary details about financial aid (grants, scholarships, loans, etc.) received from your homeland.

4. **Ikenberry Applicants** - Submit portfolios via internet link; attaching documents, pictures, MP3's or MP4's; or dropping off CD's or DVD's at a pre-arranged location.  
*These should total no more than 4 pages of text, 6 pictures, or 15 minutes.*  
*Each document/picture/MP must be labeled with your name (last name first).*
5. **ALL Applicants** - *Must label documents with your name (last name first) and what it is*, such as Smith John Essay, Smith John Résumé, etc. *No zipped files accepted.*
6. **To Make Academic History, Award History, & Award Letter Documents** - If you have trouble generating a pdf of these, try changing to a different internet browser.

We will confirm receipt of supporting documents via email and will let you know if we need anything further. If you receive a “mailbox full” error, rest assured, we have received them. **Do not email documents again.** Questions? Email [applications@theillinoisclub.org](mailto:applications@theillinoisclub.org).

Our selection of interview candidates will be completed by mid-January. We will let you know via email 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, including the current Fall Semester's grades.*

Interviews will take place late January and early February. Study Abroad interviews can be Skyped.

If awarded a scholarship, it may only be used at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Half of the scholarship is awarded in the fall; the other half in the spring. Fall graduation will result in a half scholarship. Taking less than a full load may result in reduction or withdrawal of the award.

All information will be kept confidential and shared with no one outside the Scholarship Committee.

**If you have trouble attaching your supporting documents within the application, please send to:**

[applications@theillinoisclub.org](mailto:applications@theillinoisclub.org)

Portfolio CD's and DVD's - please email us so that we can arrange where it can be dropped off.

## Checklist

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. **All files titled last name, first name, what it is.**
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. **No zipped files accepted.**
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. **Essay** – one page; name on the page; *MS Word document*.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. **Résumé** – one page; *pdf*.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. **Unofficial Transcript** – name, UIN, college, major, grades, etc.; *pdf*.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. **Award Letter** – for this year; includes name and UIN; *pdf*.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. **Award History** – includes years with no aid; has name, UIN, financial awards and their amounts year by year; *pdf*; email us any corrections.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ a. **Transfer Students** – send financial aid documents for every institution attended, if possible; note any corrections to official documents.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ b. **Foreign Students** – send details of any financial aid received from your homeland.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. **Ikenberry Portfolio** – no more than 4 pages of text, 6 pictures, or 15 minutes; each document/picture/MP labeled as in point #1.