

Teaching Scholarships in Illinois

Minority students - Black, Hispanic, Asian or Native American - studying education or teaching, may qualify for the **Minority Teachers of Illinois Scholarship Program** . If you are attending a state college or university and studying preschool or K-12 teaching, you may receive up to \$5000 per academic year. Recipients must be willing to maintain a GPA of at least 2.5 and agree to work in a teaching capacity in the State of Illinois for a pre-determined amount of time. (visit http://www.collegezone.com/studentzone/416_947.htm for application form and details)

The Illinois Future Teachers Corps Program (aka the David DeBoit Teacher Shortage Scholarship Program) is designed to directly address the critical shortages of teachers within underserved areas of Illinois. Any Illinois teaching student attending a state college or university may be eligible. You must prove both financial need and the ability and drive to excel academically. Recipients of tuition scholarships- up to \$10,000 per academic year - must be willing to teach in Illinois in underserved areas or in a subject that lacks teachers, such as science or math, for a pre-determined amount of time. (visit http://www.collegezone.com/studentzone/416_945.htm for application form and details)

Not only are there shortages of general studies teachers, but special education teachers are in short supply as well. Are you a teaching student studying special education in Illinois? **The Illinois Special Education Teacher Tuition Waiver** pretty much dispenses with tuition for special education teaching students at any state college or university who are willing to commit to teach their discipline in the state of Illinois for a pre-determined amount of time after graduation. (Visit http://www.collegezone.com/studentzone/416_941.htm for application form and details)

The Golden Apple Scholars Program recruits the brightest students who may be interested in pursuing teaching and education. Sponsored by the Golden Apple Foundation this program is dedicated to guiding and shaping future inner-city teachers. To these ends the organization is looking for diverse and talented students to teach in primary and secondary public schools within Chicago. High school students get preference for this program. Awards are full tuition at any state college or university in exchange for at least a 5 year commitment to teach in Illinois. (visit www.goldenapple.org for application form and details)

Straightforward Media Teaching Scholarship Program offers four scholarships per year exclusively to students who are currently teachers, or who are pursuing a degree or course of study with the intent of becoming a teacher. These scholarships are \$500 each, and they're granted every three months. Unlike most scholarship programs, the checks are written directly to you instead of your school, so winners may use the money not only toward tuition, but books, living expenses, etc. *Deadline: January 14th, April 14th, July 14th, and October 14th of every year*

(Visit <http://www.straightforwardmedia.com/education/index.php> for application and detailed information)

Applegate/Jackson/Parks Future Teacher Scholarship One thousand dollars is available to graduate or undergraduate students majoring in education. The purpose of this National Institute for Labor Relations Research scholarship is to enlighten future educators to make an informed decision as to whether they would like to join a teacher's union. Awards are given in large part on the basis of essay quality. *Deadline: December 15th of every year* (Visit <http://www.nilrr.org/node/11> for scholarship detailed information)

BrainTrack Scholarships BrainTrack scholarships provide funding for education to students who are pursuing a career as either an elementary, middle school, or secondary school teacher. Winning essays are selected based on the creativity, focus, overall thoughtfulness, accuracy, and practical value of their responses. Students currently studying in the US who have completed at least one year of schooling are eligible to apply. Winning entries receive \$1,000 and runners-up receive \$500. *Deadline: November 1st and March 1st of every year* (visit <http://www.braintrack.com/about-braintrack-scholarships.htm> for detailed information)

Hispanic Scholarship Fund (HSF)/State Farm Companies Foundation Scholarship State Farm provides 20 scholarships yearly to Hispanic students pursuing an education career. *Deadline: Various* (for detailed information visit <http://www.statefarm.com/aboutus/community/grants/partner/partner.asp>)

Bright Futures Awards: National ECE Scholarship Program Four scholarships are awarded for students pursuing degrees in early childhood education. *Deadline: May 31st of every year* (visit <http://www.brighthorizons.com/careers/brightfutures.aspx> for program details)