

Northwestern Illinois Community Action Agency

Scholarship Assistance

The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, through the Community Services Block Grant has funds available through Northwestern Illinois Community Action Agency for scholarship assistance at an accredited Illinois institution to income eligible students. Scholarship funds are intended for students pursuing certificate or degree programs that will prepare the student for employment or to enhance job skills such as:

- GED Classes and Testing
- Food Sanitation Class
- CNA Class
- Phlebotomy
- Other Certificate Programs

To be eligible for scholarship assistance, the following criteria must be met:

- The applicant must provide proof of gross income for the past **three months** (letter from Public Aid, copies of check stubs, Social Security Disability, etc.)
- The applicant's total income during the past **3 months** must have been less than \$3,794.00.
- The applicant must be planning to attend an accredited post-secondary educational institution.
- The applicant must be a resident of Stephenson or Jo Daviess County

When you have completed the scholarship application, please call 815-232-3141 or 800-883-1111 ext.107 to make an appointment to bring your application and documents to an NICAA intake location and meet with a CSBG case manager.

The following documents will be required along with your application and income documentation:

- Social security card
- Picture ID
- Class Schedule
- Class Cost

**For more information, please call our office at 815-232-3141 or 800-883-1111.
The CSBG scholarship application is available on our website at www.nicaa.org**

**Northwestern Illinois Community Action Agency
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATION**

Please Note: In order for your application to be considered you must:

1. Have a high school diploma or GED.
2. Provide proof of gross income for the past three months (letter from Public Aid, copies of check stubs, Social Security Disability, etc.)

PERSONAL DATA

Name: _____ Sex: Male Female

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ U.S. Citizen: YES NO

Social Security Number: _____ Date of Birth: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

School Presently Attending or Last Attended: _____

Date of Graduation: _____

INCOME STATEMENT

Wages/Salaries: _____ Self-Employment: _____

Social Security: _____ Pension: _____

Unemployment: _____ SSI/AABD: _____

TANF: _____ Other (specify): _____

FUTURE PLANS

What educational institution are you attending or plan to attend? _____

What course of study are you pursuing or plan to pursue? _____

Provide information on the availability of jobs in our area in your course of study and where you hope to find work. _____

Please describe your future goals in a brief paragraph: _____

Applicant's Signature

Date

Intake Worker's Signature

Date

Documents Required to Apply for Scholarship Assistance

- Social Security Card
- Photo ID
- Proof of Income
- Student Schedule/Bill