



**Community & Economic Development Association of Cook County
Community Services Block Grant
2011 Scholarship Program**

*****EXTENDED DEADLINE FRIDAY, JULY 15, 2011*****

You are eligible to apply for the 2011 CSBG Scholarship if you meet the following requirements:

- **Enrolled** on a **full-time** basis in an accredited tuition-based Illinois institution of higher education or vocational institution by **September 15, 2011**.
- Resident of Suburban Cook County. (see attached service area)
- Income-eligible and provide proof of income for 3 months prior to date of application (see table below).

3 Month MAXIMUM INCOME LEVELS PER FAMILY SIZE*			
Family of 1- \$3,403.13	Family of 2- \$4,596.88	Family of 3- \$5,790.63	Family of 4- \$6,984.38
Family of 5- \$8,178.13	Family of 6- \$9,371.88	Family of 7- \$10,565.63	Family of 8- \$11,759.38
*Add \$1,193.75 for each additional member above family size of 8			
*Example: If the date you sign and mail your application is 5/18/11. Then, 3 month income would include all earnings for the period of 2/18/11 to 3/18/11; 3/18/11 to 4/18/11; and 4/18/11 to 5/18/11.			

Scholarship Awards are based on the following criteria:

- Quality of the completed application (information requests provided and documents attached)
- Grade Point Average
- One Personal Essay

Scholarship Awards may ONLY be used for the **Fall/Spring** semester/quarter of the 2011-12 school year ***not to exceed March 2012**

- Tuition costs for the Fall/Spring semester or quarter.
- Purchase of uniforms, payment of fees, books or other costs related to education/training.

Other Scholarship Award Information:

- Scholarship award will be based on the need of applicant not met through other Grants or Scholarships.
- Scholarship award will be sent directly to the institution in the name of the recipient.
- Scholarships amounts will not exceed \$1000.
- Applicants will be notified the week of August 15, 2011.

Other Application Information:

Affidavits are used when a statement of fact is necessary. A “No Identification/No Income Affidavit” is included as the last page of this application packet. If this Affidavit is necessary to satisfy the requirements of your application, please complete and submit with application. Make copies of the Affidavit for additional family members as necessary.

CEDA will be placing information regarding the 2011 CSBG Scholarship Program and application process on our website at www.cedaorg.net.

Applications and supplemental documentation MUST BE RECEIVED in this office on or before Friday, July 15, 2011 no later than 5:00 p.m. addressed as follows:

***Community & Economic Development Association
2011 CSBG Scholarship Program
ATTN: Doreen Green
208 S. LaSalle, 19th Floor
Chicago, IL 60604
Call (312) 795-1778 or Email dgreen@cedaorg.net with any questions***



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APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Read instructions thoroughly before completing and submitting the application. Answer **ALL** information requests in the 4-page application. If not applicable, please state “Not Applicable.”

Sign your name legibly and date the application before mailing or delivering the application. If mailing, allow a sufficient number of business days for delivery and affix the required postage. Check with your Post Office to ensure the following: 1) correct postage is affixed to your application; and 2) delivery will meet the date and time deadline requirement for submittal to this office.

Please note that a parent or guardian must also sign this application if you are: 1) not 18 years of age or older; and/or 2) not self-supporting.

Provide and complete Affidavit as necessary. Affidavits are used when a statement of fact is required. A “No Identification/No Income Affidavit” is included as the last page to this application packet. A parent or guardian must also sign Affidavit if applicant is: 1) not 18 years of age or older; and/or 2) not self-supporting.

Include Name, Social Security Number, and Birth Date on all additional documents/pages submitted.

****Application is DUE no later than Friday, July 15, 2011 by 5:00 p.m. to the Community & Economic Development Association of Cook County, 2011 CSBG Scholarship Program, ATTN: Doreen Green, 208 S. LaSalle, 19th Floor, Chicago, Illinois 60604.**

Applicants are REQUIRED to submit the following documents with the completed application.

1. Official transcripts including most recent semester grades, grade point average (GPA) or GED test scores. No copies of transcripts or “unofficial” transcripts will be accepted.
2. Acceptance letter from the school to be attended (not required if currently attending college).
3. Three (3) letters of recommendation.
3. Proof of family income (for last three months): Check stubs or unemployment receipts for the past three months. Social Security, SSDI, SSI or Public Aid letter documenting monthly or yearly allotment. **All family members 18 years of age or older are required to provide income documentation or provide a “No Identification/No Income Affidavit”. The “No Identification/No Income Affidavit” must be witnessed. Anyone that knows the applicant may be the Witness.**
4. Current financial aid awards from all sources including those obtained from completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). **If you are not eligible for financial aid, you must write a statement confirming that you are not eligible for financial aid and the reason for your ineligibility. If you have any holds on your student account please indicate and explain.**
5. Proof of Suburban Cook County Residency must include either a **legible copy** of the applicant’s Driver’s License or State ID.
6. Copy of Social Security card or recent application for all household members listed.
7. Completed Release of Information form that is signed and dated. Please note that a parent or guardian must also sign the Release of Information if the applicant is: 1) not 18 years of age or older; and/or 2) not self-supporting.
8. Minimum 200-word essay.



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I have been accepted by and plan to attend or currently attending _____
(Name of School)

_____ in _____, Illinois for the Fall/Spring 2011-12 school year
(School Address) (City)

Course of Study: _____

Circle one of the four following programs:

Undergraduate Program Graduate Program Certificate Program Vocational Training Program

PERSONAL INFORMATION	
Legal Name:	
Last	First
Middle	
Address: _____ Apt/Unit No.: _____	
_____, Illinois Zip Code: _____	Sub. Cook County Residency: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Home Phone Number: () _____	Cell Phone: () _____
Email Address: _____	
Birth Date: / / Age: _____	Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Social Security Number: _____	Head of Household: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Current Grade (if in school) or Highest Level of Education Completed: _____	
Veteran: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Ethnicity: <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Hispanic
Race: <input type="checkbox"/> Black/African American <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Native American	
<input type="checkbox"/> Multi-Race (2 or more) <input type="checkbox"/> Other	
Disabled: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, please specify: _____	
FAMILY INFORMATION	
Health Insurance: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Food Stamps: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Family Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Single Parent/Female <input type="checkbox"/> Single Parent/Male <input type="checkbox"/> Single Person <input type="checkbox"/> Two Parent Household (2 adults with children) <input type="checkbox"/> Two Adults/no children <input type="checkbox"/> Other	Housing Status: <input type="checkbox"/> Rent <input type="checkbox"/> Own <input type="checkbox"/> In Temporary Housing <input type="checkbox"/> Homeless <input type="checkbox"/> Homeless Roof <input type="checkbox"/> Homeless No Roof
Income Source (check all applicable):	
<input type="checkbox"/> Employment Only <input type="checkbox"/> Earnfare (General Assistance)	<input type="checkbox"/> Alimony/Child Support
<input type="checkbox"/> Pension <input type="checkbox"/> Social Security	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> TANF <input type="checkbox"/> Unemployment Insurance	<input type="checkbox"/> No Source of Income ¹
<input type="checkbox"/> SSI/P3 <input type="checkbox"/> SSDI (Disabled)	<input type="checkbox"/> Employment plus any source above
¹ A "No Identification/No Income Affidavit" is required if box is checked.	
Total Number of Members in Family (includes applicant, infants, children and adults): _____	
For each Member of the Family (other than the applicant) provide requested information by completing the 2-page Family Composition Detail chart on the following pages.	

INDIVIDUAL FAMILY GROSS INCOME INFORMATION 3 Months: For those family members 18 years of age or older. Please complete the following chart. *Also, complete family composition detail form on following page.			
Name of Family Member	3-Month Gross Income	Source of Income	Employer
Example: Sally Jones	\$2,500	Wages	XYZ Corp.

TOTAL FAMILY INCOME: \$ _____

COMBINED FAMILY GROSS INCOME INFORMATION 3-Months: Please distribute the Total Family Income to the appropriate source of income below. <i>For example, if there were 1 other family member 18 years of age or older with a source of 3 month income from wages that total \$1,000, the Total Family Income would equal the sum of \$2,500 income from Sally Jones' plus \$1,000 income from the additional family member. In section A "Wages" below you would list \$3,500.</i>		
A. Wages/Salaries/Self-Employed	\$	Applicants who are not self-supporting must include parent(s) and/or guardian(s) income sources as noted in Lines "A" through "K".
B. Alimony/Child Support	\$	
C. Social Security	\$	
D. SSDI (Disabled)	\$	
E. Unemployment Insurance	\$	
F. Earnfare (General Assistance)	\$	
G. TANF	\$	
H. SSI/P3	\$	
I. Pension	\$	
J. Other	\$	
K. No Source of Income	\$	

I understand that I must provide proof of my attendance and/or confirmation of my acceptance at an accredited Illinois institution to be eligible for this scholarship. I affirm that the attached essay is an original writing that I have composed. Also, I understand that I am signing a legal document, and that inaccurate disclosure of income to obtain assistance is a fraudulent offense. I certify that the information provided is an accurate and complete disclosure of the requested information. I hereby acknowledge that the information relating to the determination of my eligibility requires verification and/or documentation, and by my signature, I authorize others to release such information as may be required for the determination of my eligibility. Finally, I understand that a parent or guardian must sign this application if I am not 18 years of age or older and/or not self-supporting.

_____/_____
 (Signature of Student) (Date)

_____/_____
 (Signature of Parent/Guardian) (Date)



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PERSONAL ESSAY

Please write an essay (**200 words minimum**) on a topic of your choice on one of the options listed below. This personal essay helps to familiarize us with you as a person apart from classes, course of study, and other objective data. It also demonstrates your ability to organize your thoughts and express yourself on a topic that is of concern to you. Please indicate your topic by checking the appropriate box. Type the essay on an additional sheet(s) of paper with your name, social security number, and birth date identified.

- 1. Describe and evaluate a significant experience, risk you have taken, or ethical dilemma you have faced and its impact on you.
- 2. Discuss some issue of personal, local, national, or international concern and its importance to you.
- 3. Indicate a person who has had a significant influence on you. Describe that person and describe the influence.
- 4. A variety of academic interests, personal perspectives, and life experiences adds to the learning experience of others. Given your personal background, describe an experience that illustrates the diversity you would bring to a community of learning.
- 5. Describe a character in fiction, a historical figure, or creative work (music, politics, science, etc.) that has an influence on you and explain that influence.
- 6. Topic of your choice.

Guidance for Essay

Please take the time to **carefully read and consider** the topics provided. Select one of these topics or a topic of your choice and write a personal essay that fulfills the minimum word requirement.

By choosing a topic that you can *describe, evaluate, discuss or explain* that is **important to you, influenced you or has had an impact on you in some way**, you will find that the 200 word minimum requirement is easily met.



COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT (CSBG)
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RELEASE OF INFORMATION

In administering the CSBG Scholarship Program the Community & Economic Development Association communicates with numerous organizations.

CEDA CSBG believes that by gathering additional information and surveying attitudes and experiences of applicants, we would be able to communicate these findings to the appropriate organizations to ultimately improve the overall scholarship process and learning experience of the applicant.

Please complete this form by printing your name, providing social security number, signing and dating. Completion of this form is required to be considered for the 2011 CSBG Scholarship

RELEASE OF INFORMATION VALID FOR THE 2011-12 FALL / SPRING TERM

I agree to complete and return a short survey that will be mailed to me in a stamped envelope after this current semester/quarter.

I consent that the university/college/vocational school that I am currently attending may release Financial Aid Information to the Community and Economic Development Association CSBG Program to include the total dollar amount of my student loans and total dollar amount of scholarships received.

I consent that the university/college/vocational school that I am currently attending may release Admissions/Registrar Information to the Community and Economic Development Association CSBG Program to include overall student standing, most recent grades, GPA, and anticipated date of graduation.

Applicant Name (Printed)

Social Security Number

Applicant Signature

Date

PLEASE NOTE: Parent or Guardian Signature is required if applicant is: 1) not 18 years of age or older; and/or 2) not self-supporting.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____



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Alsip	E.Hazel Crest	LaGrange	Phoenix	Wheeling
Arlington Heights	Elgin	LaGrange Park	Posen	Willow Spring
Barrington	Elk Grove	Lansing	Prospect Heights	Wilmette
Barrington Hills	Elmwood Park	Lincolnwood	Richton Park	Winnetka
Bartlett	Evanston	Lynwood	River Forest	Worth
Bedford Park	Evergreen Park	Lyons	River Grove	
Bellwood	Flossmoor	Markham	Riverdale	
Berkeley	Ford Heights	Matteson	Riverside	
Berwyn	Forest Park	Maywood	Robbins	
Blue Island	Forest View	McCook	Rolling Meadows	
Bridgeview	Franklin Park	Melrose Park	Roselle	
Broadview	Glencoe	Merrionette Park	Rosemont	
Brookfield	Glenview	Midlothian	Sauk Village	
Buffalo Grove	Glenwood	Morton Grove	Schaumburg	
Burbank	Golf	Mount Prospect	Schiller Park	
Burnham	Hanover Park	Niles	Skokie	
Burr Ridge	Harvey	Norridge	South Chicago Heights	
Calumet City	Hazel Crest	Northbrook	South Holland	
Calumet Park	Hillside	Northlake	Steger	
Chicago Heights	Hinsdale	Oak Forest	Stickney	
Chicago Ridge	Hodgkins	Oak Lawn	Stone Park	
Cicero	Hoffman Estates	Oak Park	Streamwood	
Country Club Hills	Hometown	Olympia Fields	Summit	
Countryside	Homewood	Orland Park	Thornton	
Crestwood	Indian Head Park	Palatine	Tinley Park	
Des Plaines	Inverness	Park Forest	Westchester	
Dixmoor	Justice	Park Ridge	Western Spring	
Dolton	Kenilworth	Palos Hills	Westhaven	

****Eligible applicants for the 2011 CEDA CSBG Scholarship must reside in one of the above cities and/or townships.***