

GENERAL ASSEMBLY SCHOLARSHIP

Information Sheet

The General Assembly Scholarship Program is administered in accordance with the provisions of Section 5/30-9 of the School Code of Illinois. Senator Dan Rutherford awards Illinois General Assembly Scholarships to students who have been active in public and civic affairs and who have need of scholarship assistance. The awards are applicable at the following Illinois state universities.

Illinois State University
Chicago State University
Northern Illinois University
Western Illinois University
Eastern Illinois University
Governor State University
Southern Illinois University, Carbondale
Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville
Northeastern Illinois University
University of Illinois, Springfield
University of Illinois, Chicago
University of Illinois, Urbana - Champaign
University of Illinois, School of Medicine
Southern Illinois University School of Medicine

Both graduate and undergraduate level study are acceptable. However, all scholarships are for tuition only for one academic year.

QUALIFICATIONS

1. Be a permanent resident of the 53rd Senate District.
2. Acceptance at the university of one's choice.
3. Evidence of activity in public and civic affairs.
4. Relative financial need among applicants.
5. Two of the eight scholarships will have preference given to an active reservist, current military person, veteran, or if the applicant's immediate family member (spouse, parent, guardian, brother or sister) is in one of these categories.

(NOTE: Applicants are encouraged to research other scholarship opportunities and may do so at www.collegezone.com)

Senator Rutherford has established a Scholarship Advisory Committee made up of educators from throughout the 53rd Senate District to review all applications and select the scholarship recipients.

IMPORTANT NOTE: A student may receive a scholarship from Senator Rutherford only one time. They will not be eligible for future scholarships from him, in order to provide others with the opportunity. There is no limit on how many times an individual may apply, should they not receive one of the scholarships this year.

APPLICATION PROCESS

- Verify if you live in the 53rd Senate District. If you are unsure, you can find a map of the District on our website: www.DanRutherford.com or go to the Illinois State Board of Elections website and type in your address: www.elections.il.gov/DistrictLocator/SelectSearchType.aspx
- Print the scholarship application from Senator Rutherford's website.
- Complete the application form. If necessary use additional pages for activities, employment history, etc. **Grade transcripts are not necessary.**
- Obtain two (2) current letters of recommendation.
- Make three (3) copies of the application, recommendations, and any additional pages. Staple them into three (3) packets and send all three (3) to: Scholarship Advisory Committee
State Senator Dan Rutherford
320 N. Plum Street
Pontiac, IL 61764

DEADLINE

Applications must be received in the Senator's office by **January 19, 2009**. Notification of scholarship awards will be made approximately April of 2009.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST