

Illinois State University Honors Program

National and International Scholarships

Some of the most prestigious national and international scholarships available to Illinois State students are listed in this handout. The Honors Program is confident that, given their excellence, the students at Illinois State University are able to compete for these scholarships. We encourage you to consider investigating these scholarship opportunities in light of your particular career and professional goals. We will help you think about and apply for these as appropriate. If you become interested in one or more of these, contact us by mail at the Honors Program, Campus Box 6100, Illinois State University, Normal, IL 61790-6100; by phone at (309) 438-2559; or by e-mail at rementz@ilstu.edu. Please note that the campus deadline is earlier than the foundation deadline given on this handout. Refer to the Honors website for more information and timelines www.honors.ilstu.edu.

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Fulbright Grants

<http://us.fulbrightonline.org/home.html>

Purpose:

Congress created these awards in 1946 so as "to foster mutual understanding among nations through educational and cultural exchanges." These, the most prestigious American awards, give students the opportunity to study in foreign countries.

Eligibility:

Although there are no formal requirements, the applicant must be a US citizen and hold a BA degree or equivalent by the beginning date of their award. Fulbright grants are very competitive and require outstanding academic credentials.

Award Amount:

Although they vary, awards usually cover all expenses (including travel and insurance) and usually include a stipend for living expenses.

Deadline:

October

Barry M. Goldwater Scholarships

<http://www.act.org/goldwater/>

Purpose:

To encourage students who wish to pursue careers in mathematics, science, or engineering

Eligibility:

Sophomores or Juniors with a minimum 3.0 GPA or in the top quarter of their class. Applicants must be a US citizen, a US national, or a resident alien.

Award Amount:

Room and board, tuition, fees, and books up to a maximum of \$7500 per year.

Deadline:

January

James Madison Memorial Fellowships

<http://www.jamesmadison.com>

Purpose:

This award was established to support students who demonstrate a superior level of civic responsibility and who wish to teach American history, government, or social studies at the high school level.

Eligibility:

Students must be enrolled in and pursuing a Master of Arts degree in American history or political science. After the tenure of the award, students are required to teach a full year of American history, American government, or social studies at the high school level.

Award Amount:

The maximum amount of the award is \$12,000 per year, with a total limit of \$24,000. Payments cover only room and board, tuition, fees, and books.

Deadline:

January

Jack Kent Cooke Graduate Scholarship

<http://www.jackkentcookefoundation.org>

Purpose:

To encourage students with exceptional promise and demonstrated financial need to reach their full potential through graduate education.

Eligibility:

Senior OR recent graduate (5 or less years) with a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or better; plan to begin first graduate degree in the fall following award; must be nominated by undergraduate institution.

Award Amount:

Nationally 30 scholarships of up to \$50,000 a year to cover most expenses.

Deadline:

March

Harry S. Truman Scholarship

<http://www.truman.gov/>

Purpose:

Intended to support students with exceptional leadership potential who wish to attend graduate school before pursuing careers in government or public service.

Eligibility:

Juniors who are U.S. citizens or Seniors who are U.S. nationals from American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Marianas, the Virgin Islands, or Puerto Rico. Strong academic and community service record required.

Award Amount:

A \$30,000 grant to cover the cost of graduate study in the United States, including travel, living expenses, tuition, fees, and books.

Deadline:

January

Morris K. Udall Scholarships

<http://www.udall.gov>

Purpose:

To encourage students to pursue careers in environmental policy and to encourage Native American and Alaskan Native students to pursue careers in health care or tribal public policy.

Eligibility:

Sophomore or Junior standing. Each institution may nominate three students in each class.

Award Amount:

A one-year scholarship that covers room and board, tuition, fees, and books up to \$5000. Sophomores who have won the scholarship may be re-nominated for the next year's competition.

Deadline:

March

The National Science Foundation, Graduate Research Fellowships

<http://www.nsf.gov/>

Purpose:

In order to encourage students to pursue careers in mathematics, science, and engineering, the NSF awards approximately 1000 grants a year. NSF also gives special awards (90) to women pursuing careers in engineering and computer science.

Eligibility:

Seniors, first year graduate students, or those with limited graduate-school experience. Must be a US citizen, a US national, or a permanent resident alien.

Award Amount:

Three years of support, which includes an annual stipend of \$15,000 and an annual cost-of-education allowance of \$10,500 (paid directly to the institution).

Deadline:

November

National Security Education Program Scholarships

<http://www.iie.org/programs/nsep/default.htm>

Purpose:

The NSEP Scholarships were created to give outstanding students the opportunity to study overseas in areas that are critical for the future security of the United States.

Eligibility:

Undergraduates and Graduates who wish to study in countries other than those in Western Europe, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand. There is a service requirement after graduation or upon completion of the award tenure. The length of the scholarships range from six weeks in the summer for Freshmen to up to three years for Seniors or Graduate students.

Award Amount:

The awards cover tuition, living expenses, and travel. Partial awards start at \$1500 and the maximum is \$8,000 per semester or \$16,000 per year.

Deadline:

December

Rhodes Scholarship

<http://www.rhodesscholar.org>

Purpose:

Cecil J. Rhodes established what is arguably the world's most prestigious scholarship to "aid in the promotion of international understanding and world peace."

Eligibility:

Students between the ages of 18 and 24 who have an outstanding academic record. No formal GPA requirement, but difficult to win with a GPA under 3.7.

Award Amount:

Travel to and from Oxford, as well as tuition, fees, and a stipend of approximately \$9000 (6900 pounds sterling) per year. The award is usually for two years, but may be extended to three.

Deadline:

September

Rotary Scholarships

<http://www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/>

Purpose:

The Rotary Foundation Scholarship, in order to foster international cooperation and goodwill, funds students who wish to study overseas.

Eligibility:

Applicants must have completed two years of college-level coursework or the professional equivalent before the start date of the award. Rotarians and their spouses, children, and grandchildren are not eligible. Recipients are expected to maintain a long-term relationship with their Rotarian sponsors.

Award Amount:

The award includes room and board, transportation, tuition, fees, and some language training. Limited to one year of study with a maximum award amount of \$23,000.

Deadline:

March, usually more than one year in advance.

The Paul and Daisy Soros Fellowships for New Americans

<http://www.pdsoros.org/>

Purpose:

These scholarships support new Americans who wish to pursue a graduate education in the United States.

Eligibility:

Resident aliens, naturalized citizens, or a child whose parents are both naturalized citizens. Must not be older than 30 years of age as of 30 November 1999.

Award Amount:

The award includes a stipend of \$20,000, plus a half-tuition grant paid directly to the institution. The maximum length is two years.

Deadline:

November

British Marshall Scholarships

<http://www.marshallscholarship.org/>

Purpose:

To strengthen the relationship between Britain and the United States, especially among young people.

Eligibility:

US citizens who hold a degree from an accredited four-year institution (must have been earned after 1 May 1996). After freshman year, GPA must exceed 3.7.

Award Amount:

Covers all expenses, including tuition, fees, residence, cost of living, books, and airfare. In addition, the scholarship provides an extra stipend for married persons and travel allowances in association with the student's studies and daily commuting requirements

Deadline:

October