

Illinois State Senator Jacqueline Y. Collins (D-16)

2012-2013 Illinois General Assembly Scholarship Application

Dear Illinois General Assembly Scholarship Candidate,

Thank you for your interest in the Illinois General Assembly Scholarship (IGAS). This program allows each member of the Illinois General Assembly to award tuition waivers to undergraduate and graduate students attending state supported universities in need of financial assistance. *The state-supported universities are Chicago State; Eastern Illinois; Governors State; Illinois State; Northern Illinois; Northeastern Illinois; Southern Illinois; University of Illinois and Western Illinois University.* In an effort to assist a larger number of students, eight one-year scholarships will be awarded, including the summer semester. We encourage you to apply for a scholarship through your respective state representative as well.

You must reside in the 16th Legislative District.

Visit www.elections.state.il.gov or call the district office at 773-224-2830 to verify your legislative district.

All applications will be evaluated by Senator Collins' IGAS Education Committee. The Committee will award scholarships on the basis of need, demonstrated academic ability, leadership and growth potential.

**If you have been awarded the scholarship through our office, you cannot re-apply.
We encourage you to apply with your state representative.**

Be sure to observe the following and enclose all the requested materials with your completed application:

Note: Do not staple materials.

- **Application Form** -- Complete and return the attached application.
- **Personal Statement** -- Answer the following question in 500 words or less:

What person or event helped shape or change your view about education? Please explain.

- **Recommendation Form** -- Submit the attached forms to two teachers, counselors, clergy, or managers, etc., who can best comment on your academic ability, leadership and growth potential. **Recommenders should return sealed recommendation forms and letters to you. DO NOT SEND SEPARATELY.**
- **Transcripts** -- Submit one copy of your most recent academic transcripts.
- **Acceptance Letter** -- Submit one copy of your state-supported university acceptance letter if you are not currently enrolled as a student at the state supported university you will attend in Fall 2012.
- **Financial Aid Application** -- Submit one copy of your FAFSA summary.

Applications and *all* requested materials must be **received** no later than **5 pm, Fri., May 25, 2012** at the address below:

Office of Illinois State Senator Jacqueline Y. Collins
1155 West 79th Street
Chicago, Illinois 60620

There is a mail drop to the right of the district office entrance for your convenience. The office will notify you of materials received. Scholarship determinations will be announced via letter no later than **Wed., August 1, 2012.**

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Note: Please observe page 1 before completing application.

Please print or type.

Name: _____

Permanent Address: _____ **City/ Zip Code:** _____

Daytime Phone Number(s): _____ **E-Mail Address:** _____

What is your cumulative GPA? _____

Where do you currently attend school? _____

What state-supported university will you attend during the 2012-2013 school year?

Are you pursuing an undergraduate or a graduate degree? _____

Will you attend school full time or will you attend part time? _____

What is the estimated TUITION for your 2012-2013 school year?
Do not include room and board, books, fees, etc. _____

How will you pay for your tuition if you are not awarded the Illinois General Assembly Scholarship?

List all confirmed financial assistance, including amounts.

Did you apply for the 2012/13 Illinois General Assembly Scholarship with your state representative?
If yes, please list the name of the state representative and the status of the scholarship.

List any organization memberships, awards, certificates and degrees held.

List community or volunteer service involvement.

Continue on a separate sheet of paper if more room is required.

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Recommendation Form (1 of 2)

Applicant's Name _____

Recommender's Name _____ Title _____

Institution/Agency _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Can the Office of State Senator Jacqueline Y. Collins contact you if we have additional questions? _____

Rate the applicant in the areas indicated below:

	Unable to Comment	Marginal	Average	Good	Excellent
Intellectual ability					
Analytic frame of mind					
Problem-solving orientation					
Ability/promise as a successful student					
Quality of oral expression					
Quality of written expression					
Motivation and energy					
Leadership					
Organizational ability					
Emotional maturity					
Ability to meet a deadline					
Ability to work with others					
Commitment to public service					

Please check (✓) one of the following options:

I ___strongly recommend ___recommend ___do not recommend the applicant.

On your letterhead, please answer the following questions:

- 1) How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity?
- 2) What are the applicant's strengths?
- 3) What are the applicant's weaknesses or challenges?
- 4) What do you perceive would be the applicant's greatest difficulty in his/her course of study?
- 5) *Additional Comments.*

Signature _____ Date _____

Enclose forms in a sealed envelope and return to applicant.

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Recommendation Form (2 of 2)

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