



**State Representative Fred Crespo • 44th District
95th General Assembly**

Dear Scholarship Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the General Assembly Scholarship. This is a one-year tuition waiver for those students who live in the 44th State Representative District and attend or will be attending state supported universities. Enclosed is the scholarship application.

To help in the selection process, I have formed an independent scholarship committee made up of community education leaders that will review applications and select the recipients. This committee will be solely responsible for choosing who will receive the scholarships and its decisions are final. I will not be involved in the selection process. The sole role that my office will play is to provide the logistical support needed for the committee to complete its work and process the paperwork necessary for those selected by the committee to receive their scholarships.

Those and only those students attending or planning to attend the schools below will be eligible to receive the General Assembly Scholarship:

- Chicago State University (CSU)
- Eastern Illinois University (EIU)
- Governors State University (GSU)
- Illinois State University (ISU)
- Northeastern Illinois University (NEIU)
- Northern Illinois University (NIU)
- Western Illinois University (WIU)
- Southern Illinois University - Carbondale (SIUC)
- Southern Illinois University - Edwardsville (SIUE)
- University of Illinois - Chicago (UIC)
- University of Illinois - Springfield (UIS)
- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC)

To remain consistent with the high ethical standards to which I have pledged to adhere as an elected official, no scholarships will be awarded to students who have contributed to my campaign committee or have volunteered on my campaign, or whose parents or immediate family members have contributed to my campaign committee or have volunteered on my campaign. Any future monetary or in-kind contributions from

scholarship recipients, their parents or immediate family members, or attempts to volunteer for any political campaign activities on my behalf, will be declined. Additionally, my family members, personal friends, business associates and their children are not eligible to receive a scholarship from my office.

Pursuant to law, the enclosed Waiver of Confidentiality form must be filled out, signed and notarized by a Notary Public and included with the application packet **before** any consideration will be given to your application.

Since more applications will be received than there are scholarships available, I encourage students to also apply for a scholarship from the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC). ISAC is staffed by counselors who are well versed in the many financial aid programs offered by the government and can be contacted at (800) 899-ISAC. It is strongly recommended that all applicants seek every available means of assistance.

Please be assured that careful consideration will be given to your application. The deadline for returning your application is **April 15, 2009**. It should be sent to the following address:

Attn: Illinois House District 44 GA Scholarship Selection Committee
1014 E. Schaumburg Road
Streamwood, IL 60107

I wish you success in your scholastic endeavors. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact my office at (630) 372-3340.

Very truly yours,



Fred Crespo
State Representative, 44th District

Enclosures



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APPLICATION FOR THE ILLINOIS GENERAL ASSEMBLY SCHOLARSHIP

In accordance with state law, Representative Crespo will allocate eight one-year scholarships to students residing in the 44th Representative District who are attending or who will be attending state supported universities. Guidelines for applicants include:

- Students who received this scholarship in the past are not eligible to receive it a second time
- Proof of a minimum 3.0 GPA for returning college students (must provide an original, current transcript) and attend or plan to attend an accredited four-year state supported university listed on page 1
- Have a permanent address within the 44th Representative District
- Proof of acceptance to an approved state supported school listed on page 1
- Must have high school diploma or GED by August 2009
- Type or legibly print application in black ink
- Attach or arrange for a complete high school (or college, if applicable) transcript to be sent to Rep. Crespo's office by **April 15, 2009**
- Arrange for a copy of the Federal FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student AID) to be sent to Rep. Crespo's office - please visit <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/> or call 1-800-4-FED-AID for more information. FAFSA forms must arrive to Rep. Crespo's office no later than **April 15, 2009**.
- Financial need is part of the criteria in scholarship evaluation
- Submit a two-page essay with their scholarship application
- Submit a *Waiver of Confidentiality*

Applications and all additional materials, forms and documentation must be completed and returned to Rep. Crespo's office no later than **April 15, 2009**. If your application is incomplete, it will not be evaluated. Applications can be mailed or dropped off at 1014 E. Schaumburg Road Streamwood, IL, 60107.

All applicants will be notified by **May 5, 2009**. The scholarship is to be used specifically for tuition only at a state university.



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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE STUDENT

NAME _____

LAST

FIRST

M.

PERMANANT ADDRESS _____

STREET

CITY, STATE, ZIP

PHONE _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

Currently, you are a (circle one):

High School Senior

College Freshman

College Sophomore

College Junior

College Senior

Other _____

HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDING/ATTENDED _____

COLLEGE ATTENDING _____

COLLEGE MAJOR AND CARREER GOAL _____



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EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES in which you participate(d) at **HIGH SCHOOL**, such as athletics, band, choir, clubs. Check the appropriate school years in which you participated and indicate offices held or leadership positions with an * in the year column (you may attach additional sheets if necessary).

ACTIVITY	INVOLVEMENT	YEARS PARTICIPATED			
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EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES in which you participate(d) at **COLLEGE**, such as athletics, band, choir, clubs. Check the appropriate school years in which you participated and indicate offices held or leadership positions with an * in the year column (you may attach additional sheets if necessary).

ACTIVITY	INVOLVEMENT	YEARS PARTICIPATED			
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HONORS, AWARDS or recognition received in school or out-of-school activities (you may attach additional sheets if necessary; do not include *Who's Who Among American High School Students*).

HONOR

DESCRIPTION

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES/AWARDS or recognition received **post-high** school. This pertains to those students who may currently be enrolled in college or a community college, but plan on attending a state supported university. Please include a brief description of in- and out-of-school activities, awards or recognition received on the following lines:

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY SCHOLARSHIP WAIVER OF
CONFIDENTIALITY**



State law requires that, as a condition of nomination for the Illinois General Assembly Scholarship, nominees complete a waiver of confidentiality document and submit it to the General Assembly member who is making the nomination. *Please note that a nominee for the Illinois General Assembly Scholarship waives his or her right to confidentiality with regard to the contents of this waiver document.* The state legislator who is awarding a General Assembly Scholarship must forward this complete waiver form, along with the Illinois General Assembly Scholarship nomination to the State Superintendent of Education for nominees attending Illinois public universities. State law provides that by filing this waiver document with the Illinois State Board of Education, the state legislator also relinquishes his or her right to confidentiality with respect to the contents of this waiver document.

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE NOMINEE

I waive my right to confidentiality regarding the contents of this waiver form. I understand that all information reported on this form is subject to public disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act. I certify that at the time of this nomination, my permanent address is located within the legislative district of the state legislator who is making this General Assembly Scholarship nomination. I understand that if I knowingly provide false or misleading information on this document, my scholarship may be revoked and I can be held responsible for reimbursing the university for the full amount of my General Assembly Scholarship. Filing of this waiver form does not preclude state legislators from requiring and disclosing other information provided by Illinois General Assembly Scholarship applicants.

Student: (Nominee's) Printed Name

Student/Nominee's Permanent Address:

Street Address

City/State

ZIP Code

Public University at which Student is Enrolled, including campus

Declared Major

Total (Estimated) Tuition Waived

Legislator's Name

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE NOMINEE AND THE NOTARY PUBLIC

State law requires that this waiver form be signed by the nominee before a notary public.

Student Nominee's Signature

Date

Subscribed and Sworn before me this *day of* *,20* .

(SEAL)

Notary Public Signature