

Shawnee Development Council, Inc. DCEO Funded PY26 CSBG Scholarship



Range of Award: **\$2,500 to \$5,000**

Awards can be used In-state, Out of State, or Online

Scholarship awards must be used for Tuition, fees, and program-specific supplies

Awards are for CSBG Income Eligible Residents of Illinois who resides in Alexander, Hardin, Johnson, Massac, Pope, Pulaski and Union attending College, University or Trade School

CSBG Scholarship awards must be used by or before December 31, 2026

Application Deadline is close of business of May 29, 2026

CSBG Scholarships can be submitted In-person, Online or US Mail

CSBG Applications can be pick-up in Person at

Shawnee Development Council, Inc. Administration Office, Karnak IL 62956

SDC Alexander/Pulaski County Outreach Office, 2035 Washington St, Cairo IL 62914

SDC Hardin/Pope County Outreach Office, 1509 Main St, Rosiclare IL 62982

SDC Massac/Johnson County Outreach Office, 1 Superman Square, Room 1 C, Metropolis IL 62960

SDC Union County Outreach Office, 1000 North Main Street, Anna IL 62906

or Online at website shawneedevelopmentcouncil.org or can be emailed or sent in US Mail.

Income Guidelines Income Eligibility Guidelines *

Size of Family Unit	Annual Household Income
1.....	\$31,920.00
2.....	\$43,280.00
3.....	\$54,640.00
4.....	\$66,000.00
5.....	\$77,360.00
6.....	\$88,720.00
7.....	\$100,080.00
8.....	\$111,440.00

(For family units with more than 8 members, add \$11,360 yearly for each additional member). *Based on the Federal Poverty Guidelines

Submission Requirements are: Application, Household Income, Essay, Proof of Residency, and Transcripts

**More Information Contact Renee Kindle, 618-634-2201,
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PY26 CSBG Scholarship Application

Applicant Information

Name _____

Date of Birth _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Address _____

STARS Demographic Information

Sex: Male _____ Female _____

Race: (Select all that apply): American Indian or Alaska Native _____ Asian _____

Black or African American _____ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander _____

White _____ Other-Specify _____

Ethnicity Hispanic _____ non-Hispanic _____ Other-Specify _____

Disabled Yes _____ No _____

Veteran Yes _____ No _____

Number of People in Household _____

Household Type: Single, Single Parent _____ Two Adults No Children _____

Two Parent Family _____ Two or More Adults with Children _____

Foster Parents _____ Three or More Adults No Children _____

Non-Parent Adult(s) with Children _____ Other-Specify _____

Household Income – Must indicate all income for household members 18 years and older _____

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Housing Status: Group Home _____ Homeless _____ Owner _____ Renter _____

Shelter _____ Subsidized _____

School Information

School Name _____

City _____

State _____

State where the school will be attended _____

Intended Major _____

Acceptance to School/Acceptance to Program Yes _____ No _____

Remote _____ In-person _____ Hybrid _____

Full-time _____ Part-time _____

College/University, Trade School, or Certification Program _____

Education Information

Expected Graduation Date _____

GPA (Of most recent school) _____

HS/GED Date _____

Transcript: Attach either a high school or college transcript. The Official Transcript is not required.

Community Involvement

Yes _____ No _____

NOTE: CAA should provide examples of what this looks like in your community

Acknowledgements

_____ I certify the information contained in this application is accurate and a complete disclosure of the requested information.

_____ I hereby acknowledge that the information relating to the determination of my eligibility requires verification and I authorize others to release such information as may be required for the determination of my eligibility for this scholarship.

_____ I permit the agency to share my information with media.

_____ I understand that I may be contacted for additional documentation.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Application must be received in the Administrative Office no later than May 29, 2026.

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2026 Community Service-Focused Essay Questions

Essay/Personal Statement: Write a brief narrative (250-500 words) describing your future relating to your educational goals and be sure to answer according to the statements below. Information provided in this narrative will be used in the evaluation of this application. Applicants only need to provide one essay. Attach additional pages if needed.

Describe your future and educational goals. Explain what you want to study, why you chose this field, and how your career could support programs or services that help the community.

Explain how your future career could improve the quality of life in your community. What skills or knowledge will you gain from your education that will help you do this?

Describe a need or challenge in your community that you care deeply about. How could your education and future career help you create or support services that address this issue?

Describe a community service program or organization that inspires you. How do your future goals align with the mission of that program, and how might you contribute to similar efforts in your career?