Illinois scholarship deadlines: November 2026

Most local first: 0 city/county and 5 statewide awards due by May 23, 2027, then 36 national awards due Nov 24, 2026 – Dec 31, 2026. Each was checked on its official site. Always confirm details on the official page before applying.

Deadline	Scholarship	Amount	Official site
Statewide and regional Illinois awards (5)			
Thu Dec 31	**IAA Foundation Truck Driving Scholarships** Illinois Agricultural Association (IAA) Foundation	Help with driver-training cost	www.iaafoundation.org/our-mission-at-work/st
Sun Jan 31	**Illinois Physical Therapy Foundation Empowered Engagement Scholarship** Illinois Physical Therapy Foundation	$1,000 (PT) or $500 (PTA), plus APTA/IPTA membership renewal	iptfgives.org/enagement-scholarship/
Fri Feb 5	**Jimmy Rane Foundation Scholarship** Jimmy Rane Foundation	$500 to $6,000 per year	www.jimmyranefoundation.org/scholarship-faqs
Mon Feb 15	**Quad Cities Community Foundation Scholarships** Quad Cities Community Foundation	Varies (about $850,000 awarded last year)	www.qccommunityfoundation.org/scholarships
Mon Mar 1	**Golden Apple Scholars of Illinois** Golden Apple Foundation	Up to $23,000 in total financial assistance (including paid…	www.goldenapple.org/scholars-illinois
National awards (any state) (36, first 17 shown)			
Mon Nov 30	**$2,000 No-Essay Scholarship** Sallie Mae · No essay	$2,000	www.sallie.com/scholarships/no-essay
Mon Nov 30	**AWS Foundation Welder Training Scholarship** American Welding Society Foundation	Varies by AWS District (amount not listed)	scholarship.aws.org/applications/
Mon Nov 30	**Education Matters Scholarship** Unigo	$5,000	www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships
Mon Nov 30	**Merck Animal Health Student Innovation Award** American Veterinary Medical Foundation (AVMF) and Merck Animal Health	$10,000, $5,000 and $3,000 awards	www.avmf.org/grants-and-scholarships/scholar
Mon Nov 30	**Merck Animal Health Veterinary Student Scholarship** American Veterinary Medical Foundation (AVMF) and Merck Animal Health	$10,000	www.avmf.org/grants-and-scholarships/scholar
Mon Nov 30	**Moroccanoil Scholarship** Professional Beauty Association / Moroccanoil	$2,500 (five awards)	www.probeauty.org/scholarships/
Tue Dec 1	**APTA Access and Opportunity Scholarship Fund Awards (PT and PTA students)** American Physical Therapy Association (PT Fund)	Amount not listed	www.apta.org/apta-and-you/honors-awards/mino
Tue Dec 1	**Coolidge Scholarship** Calvin Coolidge Presidential Foundation	Full-ride (tuition, room & board)	coolidgescholars.org/selection-timeline/
Tue Dec 1	**Hagan Scholarship** Hagan Scholarship Foundation	Renewable scholarship; up to 1,500 awards for 2027–28	haganscholarships.org/application/
Tue Dec 1	**Ron Brown Scholarship** Ron Brown Scholar Program	$40,000 ($10,000 per year for four years); 20 awards	ronbrown.org/ron-brown-scholarship/
Tue Dec 1	**Scholastic Art & Writing Awards Scholarships** Alliance for Young Artists & Writers	$500 to $12,500 (national scholarships and special awards)	www.artandwriting.org/awards/how-to-enter/ca
Tue Dec 1	**Suneet Singal Giving Award** Suneet Singal Giving · No essay	$1,000	suneetsingalgiving.com/2026-award/
Fri Dec 4	**SMART Scholarship-for-Service Program** U.S. Department of Defense (DoD SMART)	Full tuition, monthly stipend, health insurance, book allowance and…	www.dvidshub.net/news/576027/get-smart-schol
Sun Dec 6	**CCME Scholarships for Military-Affiliated Students** Council of College and Military Educators (CCME)	$1,000	www.ccmeonline.org/scholarships
Wed Dec 9	**Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship** Jack Kent Cooke Foundation	Up to $55,000 per year	www.jkcf.org/our-scholarships/undergraduate-

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Fri Dec 11	**AOTF Educational Scholarships (OT and OTA students)** American Occupational Therapy Foundation	$150 to $5,000 (50+ awards)	www.aotf.org/fund/educational-scholarships/
Fri Dec 11	**Air Force ROTC High School Scholarship Program (HSSP)** U.S. Air Force ROTC	Tuition scholarships (capped and uncapped types), set when awarded	www.afrotc.com/scholarships/high-school/appl