

KENDALL-GRUNDY COMMUNITY ACTION
2019 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

COMPLETED APPLICATION IS DUE BY: APRIL 26, 2019

Dear Scholarship Applicant:

The Community Services Block Grant Scholarship is designed in cooperation with the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to provide financial assistance to income eligible students. Scholarships will go toward providing formal education or occupational training in an accredited Illinois educational institution.

Scholarships may be used for tuition and fees, textbooks, supplies, or room and board. Scholarship awards will be made directly to the college or university's financial aid office for use by the student as needed.

This is a competitive scholarship based on merit, not solely on financial need. All qualified applicants are encouraged to apply by the deadline of **4:30PM on Friday, April 26, 2019. No late applications will be accepted.**

ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

Successful scholarship recipients must meet the following eligibility criteria:

1. Resident of Kendall County or Grundy County.
2. Member of an income-eligible household.
3. Possess a high school diploma, GED or must graduate by July 1, 2019 from an accredited high school/GED Administering institution.
4. Must be accepted into an Illinois college or university, or occupational training program on at least a half-time basis.

In order to be considered for the Scholarship Program you must include the following documents in your packet. Failure to submit all required documents will cause your application to be denied.

- Complete Scholarship application forms.
- Proof of entire family household gross income.
- Completed copy of the attached application including Federal Tax Form 1040, 1040A, or 1040EZ.
- Copy of your Photo ID and Social Security Card
- Demonstrate a commitment to civic and public affairs.
- Essay of 500 words, typed and double-spaced addressing involvement in civic affairs and future career goals.
- Demonstrate goals and purpose.
- Three signed and dated letters of recommendation.
(Please utilize the attached forms)
- Official transcripts signed and dated.
- Proof of enrollment at an Illinois accredited higher educational or occupational training institute.
- **Mandatory** brief 10 minute interview with the Scholarship Committee.

Awards Presentation:

Successful applicants will accept their scholarship awards at the Awards Dinner on July 11, 2019. (Location to be announced)

FURTHER INFORMATION

Questions regarding the Scholarship Program should be directed to: **Diane Alford, Kendall-Grundy Community Action, and 811 John St. - Yorkville, IL 60560. (815) 941-3262 or (630) 553-8024.**

COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT
SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION PROCESS

Applications will be evaluated by a Scholarship Committee composed of representatives of area Social Service agencies, public officials and private individuals. The Scholarship Committee will review all written applications that are submitted by the deadline of **4:30 PM on Friday, April 26, 2019**. **Late applications will not be considered.**

Applications will be evaluated according to the following criteria and points system.

A. Financial Need:

A maximum of 25 points will be awarded based on financial need. Applicants whose household income is at or below 100 percent of the poverty guidelines will receive 25 points. Applicants whose household income is between 101 to 125 percent of the poverty guidelines will receive 15 points. Applicants whose household income is between 126 to 150 percent of the poverty guidelines will receive 5 points. Applicants whose household income is over 150 percent of the poverty guidelines will receive 0 points.

The poverty guidelines for the Kendall-Grundy area are as follows:

<u>Household Size</u>	<u>Annual Income</u>
1	\$18,735
2	\$25,365
3	\$31,995
4	\$38,625
5	\$45,255

For each additional household member, add \$4,320

B. Scholarship Potential:

A maximum of 15 points will be awarded for scholarship potential, which will be evaluated based on cumulative grade point average at the end of the winter semester of the 2018-2019 school years. Applicants whose cumulative grade point average is between 3.5 to 4.0 will receive 15 points. Applicants whose cumulative grade point average is between 3.0 to 3.49 will receive 12 points. Applicants whose grade point average is between 2.5 to 2.99 will receive 8 points. Applicants whose grade point average is between 2.0 to 2.49 will receive 4 points. Applicants whose grade point average is below 2.0 will receive 0 points.

C. Civic Affairs and Career Goals:

A maximum of 25 points will be awarded for participation in civic affairs. It should include clear and defined statement of career goals and purpose. The Scholarship Committee will award points in the category based on letters of personal reference and 500-word essay which is required to be submitted with each application. Applicants are encouraged to be specific in their statements of career goals and their participation in civic affairs. The scholarship committee will award the maximum points to those applicants that have clear firm commitment to civic affairs.

D. Interview:

A maximum of 35 points will be awarded based on a ten minute interview with the members of the Scholarship Committee.

E. Awards Presentation:

Successful applicants will accept their scholarship awards at the Awards Dinner on July 11, 2019 (Location to be announced).

Are you currently receiving any scholarship aid or tuition assistance? _____

If so, please name: _____



Financial Information

(Traditional Students)

PLEASE SUBMIT a COPY OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD'S 2018 FEDERAL TAX FORM 1040, 1040A, or 1040EZ.

Father's Name: _____ Occupation: _____

Mother's Name: _____ Occupation: _____

Parents' Marital Status: _____

Household information (please list information on everyone living in the home, including self)

Name	Relationship to applicant	Age	Sex	Income	Source	Ethnicity

Gross Income (total of above) \$ _____

Number of Dependents attending college. _____

Please explain any unusual circumstances: _____



CIVIC AFFAIRS AND CAREER GOALS

Please attach a 500 – word essay addressing your involvement in and commitment to civic affairs (refer to any school or community activities, awards, organization, clubs, offices, or honors that you would like to bring to the scholarship committee’s attention). The essay should also address your career goal (s) and the reason (s) you are interested in that profession.

Three signed and dated letters of recommendation (Please utilize the attached forms).

Application Affirmation and Authorization to Verify Information: Applicant statement – I certify that the above information is an accurate and complete disclosure of the requested information. I hereby acknowledge that the information relating to determination of my eligibility requires verification and/or documentation, and by my signature, I authorize others to release such information as may be required for the determination of my eligibility.

Applicant’s Signature: _____ Date: _____

COMPLETED APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY 4:30 PM ON FRIDAY, APRIL 26th, 2019:

Diane Alford
Director of KGCA
Kendall Grundy Community Action
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KENDALL COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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PERSONAL RECOMMENDATION FORM

NAME OF APPLICANT: _____

Please Type or Print Clearly. If The Space Provided Is Not Adequate, Please Use The Back Of This Form Or Attach Additional Pages. This Form Is To Be Completed By A Non-relative.

1. How long have you known this individual and in what capacity?

2. Describe any knowledge you have of this individual's participation in civic affairs. Please include accomplishments, awards, honors or other significant information that you believe will be useful to the Scholarship Committee.

3. Describe any knowledge you have of this individual's future career goal. Please comment on whether you believe this individual has the potential to accomplish this goal(s).

4. Are there any significant limitations (physical, intellectual, or emotional) or extenuating circumstances regarding this individual that the Scholarship Committee should consider?

Name Position

Address Phone



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