



# Scholarships & Grants

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This publication is not intended to be a complete listing of all scholarships and grants which are available. As the Regional Office of Education receives information on scholarships, we will update this listing. Students are urged to check with their high school counselor or the office of financial aid at the university or college they wish to attend. Many departments have special scholarships for students in that field of study and most schools have merit scholarships for academic achievement. To order free financial aid material, please contact the U.S. Department of Education.

**Abbott and Fenner Scholarship:**

Abbott and Fenner Business Consultants Scholarship-Students are required to submit an essay on the topic that appears on the page attached to this link:

<http://www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.htm> .

**Application:** <http://www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.htm> .

**Aldrich Green Scholarship:** (Cumberland students ONLY)

The Aldrich Green scholarship is offered to Cumberland high school seniors who aspire to continue their education at the college level. The award can be up to \$1,000 and will be given to a student annually but will be distributed \$500 per semester for the time he or she is enrolled in college. Special consideration will be given to students planning to return to Cumberland county to reside in and/or seek employment.

**Eligibility Requirements:** The applicant must (1) have good academic standings, (2) have some school involvement (work experience may be considered) and (3) have good citizenship/behavior.

**Application:** [www.firstneighbor.com/scholarship/scholarships.htm](http://www.firstneighbor.com/scholarship/scholarships.htm)

**American Legion Auxiliary:**

**Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship:** This scholarship provides funds to assist children of those who have served. This award will be presented to 15 students annually who excel in academics and volunteer in their communities.

**Eligibility Requirements:** The applicant must study only at a 4-year accredited college or university and may be used for tuition, books, fees, room and board. Candidates shall be daughters, stepdaughters, sons, stepsons, grandsons, step-grandsons, granddaughters, step-granddaughters, great-granddaughters, step-great granddaughters, great-grandsons, step-great grandsons of veterans who served in the armed forces during eligibility dates for membership in the American Legion. Applicant must complete 50 hours of community service during his/her high school years.

**Application:** [www.alaforveterans.org](http://www.alaforveterans.org)

**The Spirit of the Youth Scholarship Fund:** This fund supports three separate scholarship opportunities for participants in American Legion Auxiliary programs: ALA Girls Nation Program Scholarships, Honorary National Junior President Scholarship, and Spirit of the Youth Scholarship for Junior Members. Scholarships range from \$2,000 to \$5,000.

**Eligibility Requirements:** Review the website for requirements for each program.

**Application:** [www.alaforveterans.org](http://www.alaforveterans.org)

### **American Legion Auxiliary Cont.:**

**Samsung American Legion Scholarship:** Every year, \$300,000 in Samsung American Legion scholarships are awarded to nearly 100 American Legion Boys State and American Legion Auxiliary Girls State participants. These scholarships are for undergraduate study only and may be used for tuition, books, fees, room and board.

**Eligibility Requirements:** Applicants must be high school juniors who attend either American Legion Auxiliary Girls State or American Legion Boys State, be direct descendants of a U.S. wartime veteran who served on active duty during one or more of the periods of war designated as eligibility dates for membership in the American Legion, and direct descendants of Korean War veterans will receive special consideration.

**Application:** [www.alaforveterans.org](http://www.alaforveterans.org)

**Non-Traditional Student Scholarship:** This scholarship program allows people who are part of the American Legion family to pursue a degree later in life or to pick up where they left off when their studies were interrupted. The award is \$1,000 given annually per Auxiliary geographic division.

**Eligibility Requirements:** The applicant must (1) be a member of the American Legion, Auxiliary, or Sons of the American Legion, (2) have dues been paid for the two preceding years and for the calendar year in which the application is made, and (3) be pursuing training in a certified, trade, professional, or technical program, or a two-year or four-year degree program.

**Application:** [www.alaforveterans.org](http://www.alaforveterans.org)

### **American Legion Legacy Scholarship:**

The American Legion wants to ensure higher education is possible for children whose parents have been killed while serving the country. The amount of aid and number of awards depends upon the income derived from the trust.

**Eligibility Requirements:** The applicant must (1) a high school senior and (2) be a child, legally adopted child or a child of a spouse by a prior marriage or dependent child as defined by the United States Armed Services of active duty United States Military and National Guard, and military reservists who were federalized and die on active duty on or after September 11, 2001.

**Application:** <http://www.legion.org/scholarships/legacy>

### **AMVETS Scholarship Program:**

For each scholarship listed, preference will be given to all applicants who are a child or grandchild of a Veteran. The deadline for the following applications must be postmarked by March 1, 2012. Please mail them to: AMVETS Department of Illinois State Headquarters, 2200 South Sixth Street, Springfield, IL 62703.

Applications: <http://www.ilamvets.org/WhatWeDo/Programs/Scholarships/tabid/120/Default.aspx> .

#### **Illinois AMVETS Service Foundation:**

One year \$1,000 non-renewable scholarship

**Eligibility Requirements:** The Applicant must (1) be an Illinois high school senior and (2) must have taken the ACT or SAT.

#### **Illinois AMVETS Sad Sacks Nursing:**

(One year scholarship, amount to be determined.) Priorities will be given to dependents of a deceased or disabled veteran.

**Eligibility Requirements:** Applicant must (1) be an Illinois high school senior who has been accepted into a pre-approved nursing program (A copy of the acceptance letter must accompany the application) and (2) prove satisfactory in academic record, character, interest and activity record, and financial need.

#### **Illinois AMVETS Junior ROTC:**

One year \$1,000 non-renewable scholarship

**Eligibility Requirements:** The Applicant must: (1) be an Illinois high school senior (2) have taken the ACT or SAT, and (3) Participate in the Junior ROTC program.

#### **Illinois AMVETS Trade School Scholarship:**

One year, \$1,000 non-renewable scholarship

**Eligibility Requirements:** The applicant must: (1) be an Illinois high school senior which has been accepted in a pre-approved trade school program (a copy of an acceptance letter must accompany the application)

#### **Illinois AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Memorial:**

One year scholarship for \$500.00

**Eligibility Requirements:** The applicant must: (1) be an Illinois high school senior, (2) a child or grandchild of a Veteran of the United States of America who served after September 15, 1940, and was Honorably Discharged or who is presently serving in the military and (3) have taken the ACT or SAT.

#### **Illinois AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Warchild:**

One year scholarship for \$500.00

**Eligibility Requirements:** The Applicant must: (1) be an Illinois high school senior, (2) be a child of a deceased father or mother who was a Veteran of the United States of America who served after September 1940, and was Honorable Discharged. They need not be killed in action or died as a result of a service-connected disability, and (3) have taken the ACT or SAT.

### **Barger Family Charitable Foundation:**

This one-year grant is awarded through First Mid-Illinois Bank and Trust. Students are eligible to receive the scholarship for up to four years of their education. However, the application is for one year and it is necessary to re-apply each year that you will be attending school.

**Eligibility Requirements include:** applicants must be a graduate of Mattoon, Charleston, Cumberland or Neoga High School and must have been admitted to or attending an accredited college in the field of agriculture.

**Application:** Wealth Management Division at First Mid-IL Bank & Trust.

### **Big Sun Athletics Scholarship:**

The BigSun Organization is proud to be able to help young athletes succeed in their academic pursuits. In order to do our part we are offering an annual scholarship to a deserving student. All student athletes are eligible for this award, regardless of which sport they are participating in.

**Eligibility Requirements:** All student athletes are eligible regardless of the sport they are engaged in. The student must be a high school senior or be attending a post secondary institute.

**Application:** <http://www.bigsunathletics.com/>.

### **Burgess/Osborne (Emily) Scholarship Fund:**

This one-year grant is awarded through First Mid-Illinois Bank and Trust. Students are eligible to receive the scholarship for up to four years of their education. However, the application is for one year and it is necessary to re-apply each year that you will be attending school.

**Eligibility Requirements:** Applicants must be a graduate of Mattoon High School and be a full time student (12 or more credit hours).

**Application:** Wealth Management Division at First Mid-IL Bank & Trust.

### **Cargill Community Scholarship Program:**

Each year, Cargill offers three, one-time scholarship opportunities, of \$1,000 for U.S. high school students.

**Eligibility Requirements:** The applicant must be a high school senior living communities near Cargill operations in the U.S.

**Application available:** <http://www.cargillglobalscholars.com/scholarship/#.UOxgauTAeSo>

### **Casey-Westfield Alumni Association Scholarship (Casey students ONLY):**

The Casey-Westfield Alumni Association awards a \$1,000 scholarship per year, as finances allow, to a senior enrolled at Casey-Westfield High School.

**Eligibility Requirements:** The applicant must (1) be a Casey Westfield High School senior, (2) show scholastic effort and (3) not have serious discipline infractions or attendance problems.

**Application:** Available from Casey Westfield guidance counselor

**Charlotte Davis Scholarship (Neoga students ONLY):**

Lena J. Davis, in her last will and testament, set aside a sum of money to be held in a perpetual trust by the Neoga School District. The recipient will receive this monetary award annually for a maximum period of four years, providing he/she satisfactorily continues in a State of Illinois College or University. The Scholarship is based on academic excellence and will be determined by the Regional Superintendent.

**Eligibility Requirements:** The applicant must be a graduate or graduating from Neoga High School.

**Application:** Available at the Neoga Guidance Counselors Office

**Coca-Cola Scholars:**

Since 1986, Coca Cola has been able to support over 1,400 college students per year, with scholarships totaling up to \$3.4 million.

**Eligibility Requirements:** The applicant must be (1) a current high school (or home-schooled) seniors attending school in the United States, (2) U.S. citizens, (3) anticipating completion of high school diploma at the time of application, (4) planning to pursue a degree at an accredited U.S. post secondary institution, and (5) carrying a minimum 3.00 GPA at the end of their junior year of high school. Applicants may NOT be children or grandchildren of employees, officers or owners of Coca-Cola bottling companies.

**Application:** [www.coca-colascholars.org](http://www.coca-colascholars.org)

**Coles County Farm Bureau Foundation Scholarship:**

The Coles County Farm Bureau Foundation will be awarding scholarships this spring to students who plan to or are studying agriculture or a related academic field in college.

**Eligibility Requirements:** The applicant must be: (1) a high school senior or a freshman, sophomore, or junior in a post secondary school, (2) be enrolled at a post-secondary school to study in an agricultural related field (3) be a member or a child of a member of the Coles County Farm Bureau (4) a resident of Illinois and (5) exhibit potential for successful completion of a degree.

**Application:** For additional criteria information and an application, please contact the Coles County Farm Bureau at 217-345-3276.

**Daily (Elgin and Genevieve) Scholarship Fund:** (Coles or Moultrie county students ONLY)

This one-year grant is awarded through First Mid-Illinois Bank and Trust. Students are eligible to receive the scholarship for up to four years of their education.

**Eligibility Requirements include:** applicants must (1) be enrolled in an agricultural field of study at either Lake Land College or the University of Illinois OR a music major at Millikin University in Decatur (2) a resident of either Coles or Moultrie county and (3) be a full time student (12 or more credit hours)

**Application:** Wealth Management Division at First Mid-IL Bank & Trust.



### **Dole (Emily Oblinger) Scholarship Trust:**

This scholarship is awarded to graduates attending the University of Illinois. The applicant must be in good academic standing and show financial need. The value and number of scholarships awarded each year varies depending on the amount of funds available and the number of renewal applicants. Scholarships are renewable for up to four years.

**Eligibility Requirements:** The applicant must (1) re-apply every year, (2) maintain at least a “C” average, (3) enroll for a minimum of 12 semester hours (or be considered a full time student) (4) submit a transcript of grades each semester.

**Applications:** First National Bank of Mattoon Trust Department

### **Eastern Illinois University Scholarships:**

EIU maintains a database of 500+ scholarships and is constantly growing and being updated. Please contact Christine Edwards at 217-581-7424 for applications or additional questions. You may also use [EIU Scholarship Search](#) or <http://eiu.edu/scholarships> .

### **Edgar County Bank & Trust :**

The Edgar County Bank & Trust Foundation offers a variety of scholarships to Edgar County students. Contact the Trust department of the Edgar County Bank or your high school guidance counselor for more information. <https://www.bankprospect.com/community/scholarships> .

### **Embarras River Basin Agency (ERBA) Community Services Block Grant (CSBG):**

The Embarras River Basin Agency (ERBA) offers a scholarship for income eligible students.

**Eligibility Requirements:** Applicants must (1) meet CSBG income guidelines (2) attend an Illinois college or university during the fall semester (3) submit a letter of acceptance and fall schedule (4) have at least a “C” average (5) submit grades with application for proof of GPA (6) provide documentation of income as required (7) provide parent’s federal income tax return and (8) provide copies of all household Social Security cards.

**Application:** Available at your local county ERBA Outreach Office.

### **First Neighbor Bank Scholarship:**

The First Neighbor Bank offers a \$500 scholarship to graduating high school seniors who aspire to continue their education at the college level.

**Eligibility Requirements:** The applicant must be (1) a senior at Cumberland, Neoga, Casey, Mattoon, Charleston or Shiloh high school, (2) have good academic standing, (3) have school involvement (work experience may be considered) and (4) have a good citizenship/behavior.

**Application:** [www.firstneighbor.com/scholarships/](http://www.firstneighbor.com/scholarships/)



### **Fraternal Order of Mattoon Eagles:**

This scholarship is awarded to graduates in good standing from various high schools.

**Eligibility Requirements:** Applicants must: (1) be a son/daughter of a Fraternal Order of Eagles in good standing of three or more years, (2) be attending an Illinois tax supported University or college and (3) demonstrate financial need.

**Application:** First National Bank of Mattoon Trust Department

### **Gover (J. Logan) Family Scholarship Fund:** (Coles County Students ONLY)

This one-year grant is awarded through First Mid-Illinois Bank and Trust. Students are eligible to receive the scholarship for up to four years of their education. However, the application is for one year and it is necessary to re-apply each year that you will be attending school.

**Eligibility Requirements include:** applicants must have attended a high school located in Coles County and graduated or have obtained a GED and may be part-time but must indicate hours. Preferences are given to: (1) those currently in the work force, (2) those in the nursing field (i.e. CNA, LPN, or RN) (3) those engaged in agriculture (4) those limited to vocational training/education and (5) students not seeking a 4-year degree.

**Application:** Wealth Management Division at First Mid-IL Bank & Trust.

### **Hearst Foundation Scholarship:**

This scholarship program is in two parts, the U.S. Senate Youth Program (USSYP) in Washington D.C. and the Hearst Scholarship. Two students will be selected from Illinois to participate in the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual USSYP which is an all expense paid week in Washington D.C.. After participation, the delegates will receive a \$5,000 scholarship.

**Eligibility Requirements:** An applicant must (1) be a junior or senior in high school, (2) currently be serving in an elected or selected capacity in student government or a related organization, (3) be planning on taking government courses in college (4) be a permanent resident of the United States, (5) be currently enrolled in a public or private secondary school in Illinois and (6) have at least one parent or guardian who is a legal resident of Illinois.

**Application:** <http://www.isbe.net/spec-ed/html/hearst.htm>

### **Hutton (Ann Hawkes) Memorial Scholarship:**

The Washington Crossing Foundation offers a variety of national and regional college scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$5,000 for students planning a career in government service. Students who do not apply for specific scholarships are automatically considered in each category for which they qualify. Awards for those entering Armed Forces Colleges are eligible for one-year special awards.

**Eligibility Requirements:** The applicant must be a high school senior, U.S. citizen, and planning a career of service to the United States in local, state, or federal government.

**Application:** [www.gwcf.org](http://www.gwcf.org)

### **Illinois Hotel & Lodging Association Hospitality Scholarship:**

This scholarship is offered to assist Illinois residents who have demonstrated a desire to make the hotel and hospitality industry a career. Awards range from \$1,000 up to \$5,000 per academic year.

**Eligibility Requirements:** The applicant must be (1) enrolled full time in an accredited college or university hotel and/or hospitality management program OR a high school senior or graduate who plans to enroll in an accredited college or university hotel and/or hospitality management program (2) a permanent resident in Illinois for at least six (6) months and (3) maintained a GPA of at least 2.5/4.0 or 3.5/5.0.

**Application:** <http://www.illinois-hotels.org/Scholarships> .

### **Illinois PTA (Lillian E. Glover) Scholarship:**

Illinois PTA is offering two scholarships to graduating seniors planning to major in education. They are one-year, non-renewable awards, given to two students who are enrolling in a college or university in the FIELD OF EDUCATION or EDUCATION-RELATED DEGREE PROGRAM. First place will be awarded \$1,500 and second place \$1,000.

**Eligibility requirements:** The applicant must (1) must be a high school senior graduating from an Illinois public high school, (2) be in the upper 33% of class, (3) enrolling in a college or university in an education or education related degree program which may include: librarians, instructional media specialists, school nurses, school psychologists or social workers (all of which require certification from a State Board of Education).

**Application:** <https://illinoispta.org/scholarship/>

### **Illinois Retired Teachers Association Foundation Scholarship:**

The Illinois Retired Teachers Association Foundation is awarding \$1,500 (\$750 for fall and \$750 for spring) to one full time student from each IRTA Foundation area to be used for educational expense.

**Eligibility Requirements:** The applicant must be accepted into a Teacher Certification Program, reside and/or attend school in any state as long as the school attended maintains an accredited Teacher training program, must have and maintain at least a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale and furnish a copy of the university or college official transcript prior to receiving funds.

**Application:** [www.irtaonline.org](http://www.irtaonline.org)

### **Illinois Sheriffs Association Scholarship:**

Each year the Illinois Sheriffs Association awards \$500 scholarships to each county. The number of awards varies based on membership and donations from each county.

**Eligibility Requirements:** The applicant must be a permanent resident of Illinois and attend an Illinois college full time.

**Application:** [www.ilsheriff.org](http://www.ilsheriff.org)

**Illinois Special Education Teacher Tuition Waiver (SETTW):** A tuition waiver program for individuals pursuing initial certification in any area of special education as public, private, or parochial preschool, elementary, or secondary nonprofit school teachers in Illinois. The waiver exempts recipients from paying tuition and mandatory fees if they commit to begin teaching in the field of special education within 1 year of leaving college, and continue to teach at least 2 of the 5 years immediately following. If the teaching commitment is not fulfilled, recipients must repay a prorated amount, plus interest. Students scheduled to graduate from high school must

have performed in the upper half of their high school graduating class; additionally, ACT and SAT scores are used in determining eligibility.

**Application:**

<http://www.isac.org/students/during-college/types-of-financial-aid/scholarships/illinois-special-education-teacher-tuition-waiver-settw-program.html>

**Minority Teachers of Illinois (MTI) Scholarship:** A scholarship of up to \$5,000 per year for tuition, fees and room and board charges for students of African American/Black, Hispanic American, Native American, or Asian American origin who plan to become teachers. Recipients must sign a teaching commitment to teach (at a nonprofit Illinois public, private or parochial preschool, elementary, or secondary school with at least 30% minority enrollment) 1 year for each year assistance is received. If the teaching commitment is not fulfilled, recipients must repay a prorated amount, plus interest. Enrollment requirements include: must be at least half time at the undergraduate or graduate level and attending an Illinois public, private 2-4 year college or university, or hospital school.

**Application:** <http://www.isac.org/students/during-college/types-of-financial-aid/scholarships/minority-teachers-of-illinois-mti-scholarship-program.html>

**Jim Koester Memorial Scholarship:**

Jim Koester was a young farmer from Watseka, Illinois who met a very untimely death in a farming accident. He truly loved farming with his father and grandfather. Jim had just bought his first farm prior to his death. This award is for High School Seniors who are going to study in the field of agriculture.

**For additional information:** call 1-800-879-2297.

**Johnson (Myrna) Scholarship Fund:** (Mattoon Students ONLY)

This one-year grant is awarded through First Mid-Illinois Bank and Trust. Students are eligible to receive the scholarship for up to four years of their education. However, the application is for one year and it is necessary to re-apply each year that you will be attending school.

**Eligibility Requirements:** Applicants must: (1) be a graduate of Mattoon High School, (2) enrolled in a nursing field of study and (3) be a full time student (12 or more credit hours).

**Application:** Wealth Management Division at First Mid-IL Bank & Trust.

### **Lake Land College:**

Lake Land College offers more than 500 scholarships to students who enroll in a specific area of study, graduate from a specific high school, demonstrate financial need, live in a specified geographic area, or whose parents are employed by specified businesses or organizations. Scholarships are funded through annual gifts or endowments made by individuals and corporations.

#### **Lake Land College Foundation Scholarship:**

**Eligibility Requirements:** The applicant must be enrolled for a minimum of 12 semester hours or be classified as full time by program of study.

**Application:** [www.lakelandcollege.edu/foundation](http://www.lakelandcollege.edu/foundation)

### **Little Illini JFL-Toby J. Jump Memorial Scholarship:**

These one-time scholarships are available to students that played for the Little Illini JFL for three years, played at least two seasons of high school football, and are graduating from one of the Little Illini JFL host schools.

**Application:** [www.littleillinijfl.com/SCHOLAR.html](http://www.littleillinijfl.com/SCHOLAR.html) .

### **Mason (John & Daisy) Scholarship Fund:** (Mattoon students ONLY)

This one-year grant is awarded through First Mid-Illinois Bank and Trust. Students are eligible to receive the scholarship for up to four years of their education. However, the application is for one year and it is necessary to re-apply each year that you will be attending school.

**Eligibility Requirements:** Applicants must be a graduate of Mattoon High School and be a full time student (12 or more credit hours).

**Application:** Wealth Management Division at First Mid-IL Bank & Trust.

### **Mattoon V.F.W.:**

This scholarship is awarded to graduates in good standing from various high schools.

**Eligibility Requirements:** Applicants must: (1) have a qualified Mattoon V.F.W. member in his/her family, (2) be attending an Illinois tax supported University or college and (3) demonstrate financial need.

**Application:** First National Bank of Mattoon

### **McEntire (LaVern and Nola) Lineworker's Scholarship:**

This \$1,250 scholarship will help pay for costs to attend the lineworker's school conducted by the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives (AIEC) in conjunction with Lincoln Land Community College in Springfield, Illinois.

**Eligibility Requirements:** The applicant must be (1) a relative of an employee or director of an AIEC member electric cooperative OR (2) a son or daughter of an AIEC electric cooperative member/consumer (who resides in Illinois and is currently receiving service from the cooperative at the time the scholarship application is submitted) OR (3) a veteran.

**Application:** [www.shelbyelectric.coop/Community/LWScholarship.asp](http://www.shelbyelectric.coop/Community/LWScholarship.asp)

**Metzger (James) Memorial Scholarship:**

The following scholarship is awarded to be split equally for Fall and Spring semesters by the Coles County Farm Bureau.

**Eligibility Requirements:** The applicant must be: (1) a high school senior or an undergraduate or graduate student in a post-secondary school, (2) be a member or child of a member of the Coles County Farm Bureau, (3) be enrolled as a full time student at a post secondary school to study in a field of agriculture, (4) be a resident of Illinois and (5) exhibit the potential for successful completion of a degree.

**Application:** Contact the Coles County Farm Bureau

**Moore (Robert M. and Virginia C.) Scholarship:** (Coles County Students ONLY)

The Coles County Farm Bureau offers two scholarships to be awarded to be split equally for the Fall and Spring semesters.

**Eligibility Requirements:** The applicant must be: (1) a high school senior or a freshman, sophomore, or junior in a post secondary school, (2) be enrolled at a post-secondary school to study in an agricultural related field (3) be a member or a child of a member of the Coles County Farm Bureau (4) a resident Coles county in Illinois and (5) exhibit potential for successful completion of a degree.

**Application:** Contact the Coles County Farm Bureau

**Phi Delta Kappa (PDK) Educational Foundation:**

The PDK Educational Foundation awards more than 30 scholarships each year to prospective educators who have a connection to PSK by having a family member or teacher who is a PDK member or through membership in the Future Educators Association.

**Eligibility Requirements:** Applicants must be (1) a high school senior intending to major in education who is a member of a Future Educators Association chapter in good standing OR (2) a high school senior intending to major in education who is the child or grandchild of a Kappan in good standing OR (3) a high school senior intending to major in education who has one of his/her reference letters written by a Kappan in good standing OR (4) an undergraduate member of an FEA or PDK chapter who is enrolled in a college education program.

**Application:** <https://pdkintl.org/programs-resources/scholarships-awards/> .

**Ramsey (Florence) Memorial:** (Mattoon students ONLY)

This scholarship is awarded to graduates of Mattoon High School in good academic standing. The applicant must attend an Illinois tax supported University or College and show financial need. The value and number of scholarships awarded each year varies depending on the amount of funds available and the number of renewal applicants. Scholarships are renewable for up to four years.

**Eligibility Requirements:** The applicant must: (1) re-apply every year, (2) maintain at least a "C" average, (3) enroll for a minimum of 12 semester hours (or be considered a full time student) (4) submit a transcript of grades each semester.

**Application:** First National Bank of Mattoon Trust Department

**Ronald McDonald House Charities Scholarship:** (Clark and Edgar County Students ONLY)

The Ronald McDonald House Charities U.S. Chapters along with RMHC Global offer scholarships to students in financial need who have demonstrated academic achievement, leadership and community involvement. Scholarships are for students in the US living in an area where there are participating local RMHC Chapters (Clark and Edgar County).

**Eligibility Requirements:** An applicant must: (1) be a high school senior, (2) be younger than 21 years old, (3) be eligible to attend a two- or four-year college, university, or technical school with a full course of study, (4) be a legal U.S. resident, and (5) live in a participating RMHC Chapter's geographical area.

**Application:** <https://www.rmhc.org/rmhc-us-scholarships>

**Sarah Bush Lincoln Guild Scholarship:**

The Guild of the Sarah Bush Lincoln Health System annually awards several scholarships to qualified persons going into a hospital-based health care curriculum.

**Eligibility Requirements:** Any person who has been accepted into an accredited program of studies may fill out an application form.

**Application:** Volunteer Services (GUILD) Office, Colleen Stone, Volunteer Services Director, at [cstoner@sblhs.org](mailto:cstoner@sblhs.org).

**Shadley (William & Elizabeth) Scholarship:**

The William and Elizabeth Shadley fund offers two \$1,000 scholarships to graduating Cumberland High School seniors who aspire to continue their education at the college level.

**Eligibility Requirements:** The applicant must be (1) a senior at Cumberland high school, (2) have good academic standing, (3) have school involvement (work experience may be considered) and (4) have a good citizenship/behavior.

**Application:** [www.firstneighbor.com/scholarship/scholarships.htm](http://www.firstneighbor.com/scholarship/scholarships.htm)

**Shelby Electric Scholarship Program:**

Shelby Electric will award three students with \$1,000 scholarships to be used for educational costs at any two-year or four year accredited college or university in the U.S., including vocational/technical schools.

**Eligibility Requirements:** The applicant must be a high school senior of a current Shelby Electric Cooperative member who is receiving service from the cooperative at the time the scholarship application is submitted.

**Application:** Available at [www.shelbyelectric.coop/Community/Scholarship.asp](http://www.shelbyelectric.coop/Community/Scholarship.asp)

**Shrader (Jim) Memorial Scholarship:** (Coles County Students ONLY)

The following scholarship is awarded to be split equally for Fall and Spring semesters by the Coles County Farm Bureau.

**Eligibility Requirements:** The applicant must be: (1) a high school senior or a freshman, sophomore, or junior in a post secondary school, (2) be enrolled at a post-secondary school to study in an agricultural related field (3) be a member or a child of a member of the Coles County Farm Bureau (4) a resident Coles county in Illinois and (5) exhibit potential for successful completion of a degree.

**Application:** Contact the Coles County Farm Bureau

**Smysor (Harry L., John L., and Catherine H.) Memorial Fund:**

This one-year grant is awarded through First Mid-Illinois Bank and Trust. Students are eligible to receive the scholarship for up to four years of their education. However, the application is for one year and it is necessary to re-apply each year that you will be attending school.

**Eligibility Requirements:** Applicants must have graduated from Windsor High School or have a parent who graduated from Windsor High School and may be a part time student.

**Application:** Wealth Management Division at First Mid-IL Bank & Trust

**Storey (Irene) Scholarship Fund:** (Mattoon students ONLY)

This one-year grant is awarded through First Mid-Illinois Bank and Trust. Students are eligible to receive the scholarship for up to four years of their education. However, the application is for one year and it is necessary to re-apply each year that you will be attending school.

**Eligibility Requirements:** Applicants must: (1) be a graduate of Mattoon High School, (2) enrolled in a nursing field of study and (3) be a full time student (12 or more credit hours).

**Application:** Wealth Management Division at First Mid-IL Bank & Trust

**Stump (Jacob and Clara Mae):** (Mattoon and Charleston Students ONLY)

This scholarship is awarded to graduates of Mattoon or Charleston High School in good academic standing. The applicant must attend an Illinois tax supported University or College and show financial need. The value and number of scholarships awarded each year varies depending on the amount of funds available and the number of renewal applicants. Scholarships are renewable for up to four years.

**Eligibility Requirements:** The applicant must (1) re-apply every year, (2) maintain at least a "C" average, (3) enroll for a minimum of 12 semester hours (or be considered a full time student) (4) submit a transcript of grades each semester.

**Application:** First National Bank of Mattoon



**Welch (Anna B.) Memorial Scholarship Trust:** (Cumberland and Coles County Students ONLY)

This one-year grant is awarded through First Mid-Illinois Bank and Trust. Students are eligible to receive the scholarship for up to four years of their education. However, the application is for one year and it is necessary to re-apply each year that you will be attending school.

**Eligibility Requirements:** Applicants must be enrolled in a medical field of study, a resident of Coles or Cumberland Counties for the last 5 years, and be a full time student (12 or more credit hours).

**Application deadline:** Wealth Management Division at First Mid-IL Bank & Trust.