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Funding Available Now for Senior Citizen Programs and Scholarships

Springfield – The [Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln](http://www.CFLL.org) is currently accepting applications for two separate grant cycles:

Grant Funds Available for Senior Citizen Programs

The Community Foundation is now accepting Letters of Inquiry for grant funds from the King's Daughters Organization (KDO) Fund.

The grants must be used to support programs and services that primarily benefit seniors (55 years of age and older) in Sangamon County. This is the ninth year of grantmaking from the Fund, which has awarded \$830,000 to local charities over the last eight years.

Access to the online grant application and instructions on completing the proposal can be found on the Community Foundation website: www.CFLL.org. Local non-profit organizations that operate in Sangamon County and serve the elderly are encouraged to submit a Letter of Inquiry before the February 1, 2016 deadline. Charities may also sign up at www.CFLL.org to receive automatic email alerts when new grant funds from the Community Foundation are available.

Letters of Inquiry will be reviewed, and organizations that are selected to submit a full grant proposal will be notified by late February. The final grant awards will be presented at the King's Daughters Organization annual meeting on May 9th. Grant amounts will range from \$2,500 to \$25,000 and will be based on availability of funds.

The King's Daughters Organization is led by local volunteers who serve the community through hands-on support and projects designed to aid the elderly in Sangamon County. KDO established a donor-advised fund through the Community Foundation with assets from the closure of the ladies' home in order to create a new grantmaking resource for charitable organizations.

The goal of the KDO Fund is to provide financial support to programs and services that enhance the quality of life and address the unmet needs of older residents of Sangamon County.

College Scholarship Application Period Open Now Through March 1

The Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln is now accepting online applications for nearly \$81,000 available for the 2016 scholarship award cycle. There are 28 different scholarship funds, many targeted to Sangamon County high school seniors but some for older students or students in other counties. Since 2005, the Community Foundation has distributed almost \$606,000 in scholarships.

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Three new scholarship fund has been established for this year:

Gerald F. and Luanna R. Kennedy Scholarship Fund (\$1,500)

This scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior from Pana High School with a demonstrated history of contribution to the community of Pana.

Pearl Fairfield Scholarship Fund (\$500)

This scholarship is for a graduating senior in Sangamon County with a preference given to single-parent households.

Sgt. John R. Dalhaus Memorial Scholarship (\$1,000)

This scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior from Litchfield High School that is pursuing a degree in a vocational field.

Full details and criteria for each award are posted on the Community Foundation's website at www.CFLL.org under "How to Apply for a Scholarship" Students with questions or limited computer access should contact the Community Foundation.

The deadline for applications is March 1, 2016. Students should review the specific requirements, criteria and due dates for each scholarship application. The recipients will be notified by May 2, 2016. All scholarships are for post-secondary education. The following scholarships are available:

Bud & Helene O'Shea Construction Scholarship (\$1,000 – renewable)

This scholarship is awarded to a high school graduate pursuing a degree in construction, engineering or architecture. It was established by Harold O'Shea Builders to honor the hard work of Bud & Helene O'Shea in helping to build the company.

CFLL Service Scholarship (\$1,300)

This scholarship is awarded to a graduating high school student from Sangamon County who will be a full-time student at a college or university in the coming fall. Each high school principal may nominate one student to complete the application; that student must be an extraordinary example of service to others and the community. Unsolicited applications will not be accepted.

Charlie Cottle Scholarship (\$1,500)

This scholarship is awarded to a graduate of Chatham Glenwood High School pursuing a post-secondary degree. Charlie Cottle established and built the Glenwood football program. This award is to honor his memory and his values of hard work, integrity, humility and sportsmanship.

CIELO Medical Scholarship (\$2,500 – renewable)

This scholarship fund is for Latino students pursuing a medical-related degree at a school in Sangamon County. Medical studies that qualify include: doctor, nursing, dentistry, veterinary science, emergency medical services, occupational therapy, radiography, x-ray technician, respiratory care program, electroneurodiagnostic technology or nutrition science.

Donald Lee Wolaver Memorial Golf Scholarship (\$500)

This scholarship fund is for graduating high school students who participated on a golf team while in school, who can demonstrate academic performance as well as financial need. This award is to honor the memory of Donald Lee Wolaver, who recognized at an early age how golf provides valuable lessons on practicing, following rules and finding your personal best.

Frontiers International Springfield Club Scholarship (\$500 – multiple scholarships may be awarded)

This scholarship concentrates on assisting African-American students, although any student may apply. The Frontiers encourage scholastic achievement, leadership skills, community service and good citizenship, and the scholarship will assist students who exhibit those characteristics.

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Girls on the Run Founder Scholarship (\$1,000)

The purpose of this scholarship is to financially assist Girls on the Run of Central Illinois program alumnae with college or vocational training expenses. The award was established in 2013 by Deb Shultz, the founder of Girls on the Run of Central Illinois, and her family, and is not solely based on financial need.

Henry Bunn Memorial Scholarship (\$5,000 – eight awards)

This scholarship is awarded to a high school graduate in Sangamon County or current college student who graduated from a high school in Sangamon County with a superior school record and high moral character who demonstrates financial need. It was established under the Will of Alice E. Bunn, who died on April 8, 1953, to honor her brother, Henry Bunn.

Illinois Women in Leadership Chrysalis Award (\$1,000)

Scholarship award provided by Illinois Women in Leadership to assist Sangamon County women who have been out of high school for five years or more and are enrolling in a college, university or trade school; or women who are continuing or returning to college who do not yet have an undergraduate degree.

Illinois Women in Leadership High School Scholarship (\$1,000 – three scholarships may be awarded)

Scholarship provided by Illinois Women in Leadership to assist Sangamon County women in post-secondary education by encouraging them to set and pursue career goals.

Jamie K. Patino Math and Science Scholarship (\$750)

Scholarship is awarded to a graduate of Springfield Southeast High School who will be pursuing a degree in engineering, technology or science. The scholarship is in memory of Jamie K. Patino and the path she traveled. The scholarship has been established to encourage other students who are interested in following her spirit and the qualities she had, including the strength to stand up for what you believe is right, the ability to overcome difficult situations or hardships and the desire to make the most of today while being mindful of the future.

Jim Byron Scholarship (\$1,000)

This scholarship is available to graduating students from Williamsville High School who are involved with community service and school activities. This fund was established to honor Jim Byron, who has helped hundreds of student athletes live up to their potential.

Joseph and Lois Morris Memorial Scholarship (\$2,000 – multiple scholarships may be awarded)

This scholarship is awarded to at least one male and female who is a graduating senior from Springfield High School. The applicants must have a written recommendation from their high school guidance counselor and demonstrate financial need. This award was established in 2014 in memory of Joseph and Lois Morris.

L. Scott Hoff Memorial Scholarship (\$1,000)

This scholarship is available to graduating students from a high school in Sangamon County with a record of service to Boys & Girls Club or a similar fraternal or community organization.

Linda S. Culver Memorial Scholarship (\$1,300)

This scholarship is available for a college junior, senior or graduate student that is currently registered as a Girl Scout with the Girl Scouts of Central Illinois.

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Lori L. Kashmer Scholarship (\$3,000)

The scholarship has been established to give financial assistance in memory of Lori L. Kashmer, who had a passion for learning and helping others. It is available to either a part-time or full-time student pursuing a degree in nursing, health or medical career, or in veterinary medicine.

Margaret Johnson Special Education Scholarship (\$600)

The scholarship has been established to give financial assistance in memory of Margaret Johnson for students who plan to pursue a degree in special education.

Mary Lou and Dwight Pitman Scholarship (\$1,000 – renewable)

Scholarship awarded to a graduating student from a public high in Sangamon County other than Springfield School District or Chatham School District, who has at least one older sibling currently enrolled in college and/or at least one younger sibling who plans to attend college. This scholarship is in honor of Mary Lou and Dwight Pitman.

Paul V. Gage Community Service Scholarship (\$600)

This award is for a Vienna High School student who demonstrates excellence in community service and demonstrates financial need.

Reverend Kenneth H. White Family Scholarship (\$650 minimum, multiple scholarships may be awarded)

Scholarship awarded to a Lanphier High School graduating student who plans to obtain a State Teaching Certificate and intends to teach in the public school system. Rev. White was a self-sacrificing man who generously spent his life in service to others and viewed it as his calling – this scholarship honors his memory.

SAHBA Construction/Robert E. von Behren Memorial Scholarship (\$1,000)

Scholarship award is open to students pursuing a career in the building industry in the following counties: Sangamon, Christian, Montgomery Macoupin, Scott, Morgan, Cass, Menard, Mason and Logan. Mr. von Behren was an accomplished builder and helped establish the Association. He was devoted to his craft and worked to perfect his skills and teach others.

Spanish American Cultural Center Scholarship (\$1,000 – up to three scholarships may be awarded – renewable)

This scholarship is available to students of Latino descent who will be a graduating senior or who is obtaining a GED from an institution located in any of the following Illinois counties: Sangamon, Cass, Douglas, Champaign, Macon, McLean or Morgan. The Spanish American Cultural Center has worked hard to make funds available to benefit Latino students.

World War II Illinois Descendants Scholarship (\$1,000 – two scholarships may be awarded)

Scholarship is available to a student graduating from any high school in Illinois who is a descendant of an Illinois veteran of World War II. The scholarship is intended to honor the memory of those from Illinois who served in World War II.

High school students may also contact their school guidance counselors for details on the scholarship awards available. For more information or questions about the online application system, contact the Community Foundation at scholarships@cfl.org.

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