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## Scholarship Funding Available to Students in Sangamon and Surrounding Counties

SPRINGFIELD – The [Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln](http://www.CFLL.org) is now accepting applications for the 2018 scholarship program. There are 31 different scholarships with nearly \$115,000 available in awards. While many scholarships are available to graduating seniors in Sangamon County, there are also scholarships available for returning students and graduating seniors from surrounding counties.

Four new scholarship funds have been established for this year:

### **Ada McCombs White Memorial Scholarship (\$750)**

This scholarship is available to graduates of A-C Central High School in Ashland, IL who are pursuing a teaching career. It is offered in memory of Ada McCombs White, a 1932 Ashland High School graduate, and her dedication to education.

### **Country Financial Community Scholarship (\$2,000 – 10 awards)**

This scholarship is awarded to current and former graduates of high schools in Sangamon, Menard, Macoupin, Montgomery, Cass, Morgan, and Greene counties who have demonstrated excellence in community service. Multiple recipients will be awarded.

### **Don W. Casper Scholarship (\$2,500)**

This scholarship is for a graduate of Springfield High School, in Springfield IL who participated in varsity athletics and demonstrates sportsmanship and character. Athletic ability is NOT a determining factor.

### **Susan G. Conner Special Education Scholarship (\$500)**

This scholarship supports a graduating senior from a high school in Sangamon County, IL who is pursuing a degree in special education. It is offered in memory of Susan G. "Suzi" Conner, a dedicated teacher who taught her students how to believe in themselves and achieve success.

The Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln also administers the Student of the Year Scholarship Program, available for students in Sangamon County. Nominations are by invitation only and students should contact their school guidance counselor for more information.

Full details and criteria for each award are posted on the Community Foundation's website at [www.CFLL.org](http://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, 2018. Students should review the specific requirements, criteria and due dates for each scholarship application. The recipients will be notified by May 2, 2018. All scholarships are for post-

secondary education. In addition to the new scholarships listed above, the following scholarships are also available:

**Association for Women in Communications, Springfield Chapter, Communications Scholarship (\$500)**

This scholarship is awarded to students majoring in communications, journalism, public relations or related fields such as marketing, design, videography, photography, etc. that are from Central Illinois or attend a college or university in Central Illinois.

**CFLL Service Scholarship (\$1,500)**

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.

**Donna and 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.

**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. It is offered in memory of Gerald and Luanna Kennedy, lifelong residents of Pana who saw great value in students obtaining additional training/education after high school.

**Girls on the Run Founder Scholarship (\$1,500)**

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)**

This scholarship award is 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)**

This scholarship award is 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 (\$900)**

This 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.

**Linda S. Culver Memorial Scholarship (\$4,000)**

This scholarship is available for a nationally registered Girl Scout in good standing with the Girl Scouts of Central Illinois. This scholarship is named in memory of Linda S. Culver, a prominent Girl Scout leader and area business leader for many years.

**Lori L. Kashmer Scholarship (\$3,500)**

This 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)**

This scholarship was established to offer financial assistance to students graduating from a Sangamon County high school who plan to pursue a degree in special education. It is offered in memory of Margaret Johnson.

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

This scholarship is 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.

**O'Brien Medical or Health Related Field of Study Scholarship (\$1,000 – two scholarships may be awarded)**

This scholarship is awarded to a graduating high school student in Sangamon County pursuing a degree or certificate in a medical or health related field of study. Applicants must demonstrate financial need beyond reasonable levels of parental and self- help as well as superior academic quality.

**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.

**Pearl Fairfield Scholarship Fund (\$750)**

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

**Reverend Kenneth H. White Family Scholarship (\$800 minimum, multiple scholarships may be awarded)**

This scholarship is 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.

**Roland Machinery Scholarship (\$1,000)**

This scholarship is available to students pursuing a certificate or degree in a mechanical or technical trade (heavy machinery mechanic, welder, diesel engine mechanic etc.). Must be a graduate of a high school in one of the following counties: Sangamon, Christian, Montgomery, Macoupin, Scott, Morgan, Cass, Menard, Mason and Logan.

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

This 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.

**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. This scholarship is intended to honor the memory of Sgt. John R. Dalhaus.

**Spanish American Cultural Center Scholarship (\$3,000 – up to two 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)**

This 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](mailto:scholarships@cfl.org).

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