

ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF HOUSING AUTHORITIES

CENTRAL COUNCIL

EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE GRANT

The Central Illinois Council of the Illinois Association of Housing Authorities has elected to implement an Educational Assistance Grant Program. The program will be administered by the Central Council. The money may be used for tuition, books, approved activity fees, necessities, work programs, and other items at the discretion of the sponsoring Council. The application requirements and grant rules are as follows:

- Applicant must be a graduating senior or anyone continuing their education and residing in a member agency-owned or managed project. Previous participants can re-apply.
 - Students must have maintained at least a 2.0 grade point average during their junior and senior years (except G.E.D.).
 - Student must be recommended by the Housing Authority's Executive Director. ***All applications must be submitted by the Executive Director only. The Executive Director is responsible for verifying all application requirements and collecting all application materials.*** Local promotion of the Grant Program is the responsibility of the Executive Director.
 - Applications must include 1) a school transcript or proof of G.E.D. completion; 2) two teacher recommendations; 3) an essay (200 words) by the student explaining his/her goals and how the grant would be used; and 4) the Executive Directors' comments.
 - Additional recommendations from clergy, counselors, and others may be submitted.
 - Provide a list of schools to which the student has applied. Proof of subsequent admission will be required.
 - Student must provide a description of extra-curricular activities, awards, community services, employment, and other accomplishments.
 - If the leaseholder is the recipient of this scholarship, he/she must be in good standing and remain in good standing with the Housing Authority. The recipient will continue to be eligible to receive payments if he/she moves out of the Housing Authority.
- The deadline for receipt of application materials is March 31, 2024. ENCLOSE ALL MATERIALS*** and forward to the Executive Director of your Housing Authority.
- Grant will be awarded for academic year 2024-2025.

APPLICATION
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Name: _____ **Phone Number:** _____

Address: _____ **City** _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Age: _____ **Grade in School:** _____ **Graduation Date/G.E.D. Completion:** _____

Academic Major (if any): _____ **Grade Point Average:** _____

List the Colleges or Universities of interest to you, to which you have applied, or to which you have been accepted: _____

Summarize your academic accomplishments (i.e., scholarships, awards, etc.): _____

List Extra-curricular school activities in which you have participated (i.e., clubs, teams, etc.): _____

Indicate some of the community activities in which you have participated (i.e., church, community service, etc.): _____

List any hobbies and special interests: _____

Indicate any jobs that you have held: _____

List two personal references (names, addresses, and phone numbers): _____

(Use additional sheets if more room is required.)

In addition to the above information, you must provide the Housing Authority with the following in order for your application to be complete: all high school, college, and/or trade school transcripts; two letters of recommendation from teachers; and an essay of 200 words on your goals and how you would use the grant. (Use a separate sheet.) Print or type neatly.