

Illinois Sign Association Scholarship Program

Information & Instructions

ISA Scholarship Program

Any person is eligible to apply who is an employee or immediate family (husband, wife, son, daughter or grandchildren) to an employee of an Illinois Sign Association (ISA) member in good standing. Previous winners are only eligible to apply every other year.

Candidates must graduate or have graduated from high school or its equivalent before July 1. You must have sufficient academic records to be accepted by an accredited college, university or technical institute. Students already in college are also eligible to apply. ISA may award up to \$1,000 per scholarship annually. The scholarship award will be provided directly to the educational institution where the student recipient is enrolled or enrolling.

The award recipient will also be invited to attend an ISA Conference to be recognized and awarded a certificate of achievement.

Judges will take into consideration academic success, interest, special abilities and other factors in arriving at their choice of scholarship recipients. Without attempting to limit a choice of career the applicant may choose, the judges will give consideration to the degree in which the career choice could have an application to the sign industry.

Instructions

The person applying for the scholarship must complete this four-page application form and mail it, along with any attachments, to the ISA address shown below with the application, transcripts and letters of recommendation. Include your name on all attachments and particularly anything mailed to ISA separately. This form may be reproduced. If you do not have a form, use plain paper.

In addition to this completed form, ISA requests the following if available:

A transcript of grades and credits, with the exception of the current semester. Students enrolled in college must furnish a copy of their high school transcripts and any other collegiate institutions attended.

A copy of the documentation for either your SAT or ACT test scores.

At least one letter of recommendation from a person who is a member of the Illinois Sign Association.

This person should hold an executive or managerial position.

At least one letter of recommendation from a teacher, professor or education professional.

A 500 to 700 word essay in your own words addressing the following: *Background and Influences*
Pick an experience from your own life and explain how it has influenced your development.
Who has had the biggest influence in your life and why?

Mail completed scholarship application, including references and transcripts to:

Illinois Sign Association
ISA SCHOLARSHIP
8 W. Monroe St Suite 707
Chicago, Illinois 60603

Questions? Contact ISA at (312) 881-9920

ISA Scholarship Application

Please read the enclosed information and instruction sheets before completing form.

1.) Name:

Last

First

Middle

2.) Home Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Home Phone:

Cell Phone

Area code phone number

Area code phone number

E-mail Address:

Best way to contact applicant?

3.) Age:

D.O.B.:

Sex: (Circle one)

Male

Female

4.) Name of person to whom you are directly related or your employer who is a member of the Illinois Sign Association:

5.) High School you attended:

City:

State:

Graduation Date:

6.) TEST SCORES If you have taken the S.A.T. or the A.C.T. tests, please list your scores and attach a copy of the documentation:

S.A.T. Math:

A.C.T. Math:

S.A.T. Verbal:

A.C.T. English:

S.A.T. Composite:

A.C.T. Science:

A.C.T. Composite:

7.) On a separate sheet, list any academic, extracurricular or community recognition awards you have received in high school or college. If there is additional information about your education, experience or achievements you wish to share with the judges, **you may attach an additional sheet as necessary.**

8.) All applicants must submit high school and collegiate transcripts including class rank (if calculated) and grades from the most recent grading period. **This information must be included with this application.**

9.) If you have submitted applications to one or more colleges, but have not yet been accepted, list them here:

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10.) If you are already attending college or have been accepted by a college, and are planning to attend, please list.

Name of college:

(Planned) enrollment date:

Major field of study:

Anticipated Graduation Date:

Current college semester enrolled: (Circle One) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

Other:

11.) If you have earned correspondence credits, participated in an internship program, or worked as a formal apprentice, give details and provide documentation.

12.) If you have made a definite career choice, briefly outline your occupational goals on a **separate sheet**.

13.) If there is a specific job within the sign industry that appeals to you, please describe:

14.) If presently working, please give name of employer:

Address of employer:

Telephone:

Job title:

15.) Please give a brief description of your work experience(s), part-time or full-time **on a separate sheet**.

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16.) At least two letters of reference are required. Reference A must be from a person who is a member of the Illinois Sign Association. Reference B must be an education professional, teacher or professor. **Letters must be included with this application.**

A. Professional reference(s) (Name, title, firm name, address):

B. Education reference(s) (Name, title, educational institution, address):

17.) Please estimate your college expenses for the coming school year. Use additional columns if you have not yet made your final choice of schools.

Estimated Cost	College/location
College/location	
Tuition \$	
Room \$	
Board \$	
Books \$	
Transportation \$	
Other (explain) \$	
TOTAL \$	

18.) List any other information related to financial need that you would like the judges to consider on a **separate sheet.**

19.) Include a 500-700 word essay in your own words to discuss the following: **Background and Influences**
Pick an experience from your own life and explain how it has influenced your development.
Who has had the biggest influence in your life and why?

20.) Signature required:

“To the best of my knowledge, the information I have provided on this application and any supporting documentation included is correct and accurate.”

_____ Applicant’s Signature _____

Date
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