

DISTRICT 509 BOARD OF TRUSTEES SCHOLARSHIPS 2024-2025

These non-competitive scholarships were established by the District 509 Board of Trustees to recognize superior individual achievement in academics among graduating high school seniors who live in District 509. The maximum time period for a student to receive a trustee scholarship is two consecutive years, Fall and Spring semesters only.

- **Academic Top 10 Percent Scholarship:** \$2,000 scholarship per year for up to two consecutive years, Fall and Spring semesters only. You are eligible for this award if you are a graduating high school senior ranking in the upper 10 percent (using weighted ranking) of your graduating class.
- **Academic Top 20 Percent Scholarship:** \$1,000 scholarship per year for up to two consecutive years, fall and spring semesters only. You are eligible for this award if you are a graduating high school senior ranking in the upper 20 percent (using weighted ranking) of your graduating class.

APPLICATION CRITERIA

Each scholarship has specific eligibility and maintenance requirements. Read these details for critical information, such as testing scores, grade point averages, and participation in a specific number of leadership and service opportunities at Elgin Community College. A paper application is required. (See reverse.) Terms and conditions stated in this application are effective Fall 2024.

TO QUALIFY FOR A DISTRICT 509 BOARD OF TRUSTEES SCHOLARSHIP, YOU MUST:

1. Reside in Community College District 509 for at least 30 days immediately before the start of the first semester to which the scholarship applies; enroll at ECC as a freshman in the fall or spring semester immediately following your high school graduation; and rank in the upper 10 or 20 percent of your graduating class (using weighted ranking, if used by your high school). If your high school does not provide class rank, please email us at financialaid@elgin.edu.
You must also attend one of the high schools listed below:

Bartlett	Hampshire	St. Charles North
Burlington-Central	Jacobs	South Elgin
Dundee-Crown	Larkin	Streamwood
Elgin	St. Charles East	

Private high schools: Residents of Community College District 509 who graduate from an accredited private high school located in District 509 are also eligible.
2. Home-schooled students: Submit ACT® scores for evaluation. A minimum ACT composite score of 26 is required to be considered for Top 10 Percent Scholarship eligibility. A minimum ACT composite score of 24 is required to be considered for Top 20 Percent Scholarship eligibility.
3. Attend ECC's online new student orientation session and provide official seventh semester high school transcripts to the Admissions Office. Contact the Admissions Office to arrange an orientation date and time: 847-214-7385 or admissions@elgin.edu.
4. Submit a final/official high school transcript to the ECC Admissions Office. The official transcript must list graduation date with weighted class ranking, if available, and be on file before the scholarship will be awarded.
5. Enroll in a minimum of 12 credit hours and be accepted in an associate degree program at ECC, unless a vocational certificate is the only available option. Non-credit courses do not satisfy the credit requirement.
6. Be in good financial standing with all ECC departments (no outstanding balances or financial restrictions).
7. Submit a one-page essay (personal statement) that details your educational plans, career goals, and past involvements in high school and community activities. Include your name on the essay.
8. Complete an academic scholars orientation as indicated in the award letter.

Please note: It is your responsibility to follow up on the status of your application to ensure it is approved. Incomplete applications will not be processed. Second year scholarship recipients do not need to reapply, but are expected to confirm their continued scholarship eligibility.



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ECC ID or Social Security Number _____
(If you don't have an ECC ID or SSN, enter N/A)

Last Name _____

First Name _____ Middle Initial _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Home Phone () _____

Email _____

High School _____

Graduation Date _____

ECC Major/Career Goal _____

How did you learn about the Board of Trustees Scholarship? _____

ESSAY REQUIREMENT

Please submit a one-page essay (personal statement) that details your educational plans, career goals, and past involvements in high school and community activities. Include your name on the essay.

WHICH SEMESTER MARKS THE BEGINNING OF YOUR SCHOLARSHIP PERIOD?

___ **FALL** ___ **SPRING**

Please indicate which scholarship you are applying for.

___ **ACADEMIC TOP 10 PERCENT SCHOLARSHIP**

(A non-competitive award; you must be a high school senior graduating in the upper 10 percent of your class.)

___ **ACADEMIC TOP 20 PERCENT SCHOLARSHIP**

(A non-competitive award; you must be a high school senior graduating in the upper 20 percent of your class.)

TO MAINTAIN AND RENEW THE SCHOLARSHIP FOR UP TO TWO CONSECUTIVE YEARS, YOU MUST:

1. Complete a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester in consecutive years, fall and spring semesters only. If you drop below full-time enrollment of at least 12 credit hours, you will forfeit the scholarship. The scholarship covers up to 12 hours of remedial/developmental classes over the course of the two-year scholarship period.
2. Maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 (B).
3. Be in good financial standing with all ECC departments (no outstanding balances or financial restrictions).
4. Maintain in-district residency for the duration of the scholarship period.
5. Participate in ten leadership and service opportunities per semester (Top 10 Percent Scholarship) or five leadership and service opportunities per semester (Top 20 Percent Scholarship) at ECC as defined by the Academic Scholars Program. Leadership and service opportunities must be completed before the end of each term.
6. Maintain appropriate standards of conduct as detailed at elgin.edu/codeofconduct.

I attest that the information provided on this application and its accompanying documents is true to the best of my knowledge. I have reviewed the scholarship application and maintenance criteria and I understand that my failure to maintain the requirements will result in the forfeiture of my scholarship.

Signature _____ Date _____

Submit your completed application form along with all required documents as specified for the scholarship you hope to receive to:

Elgin Community College Financial Aid and Scholarships Office
Building B, Room B156
1700 Spartan Drive
Elgin, IL 60123-7193
ATTENTION: Board of Trustees Scholarships
Phone: 847-214-7360, Fax: 847-608-5460
Email: financialaid@elgin.edu

ECC FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Get more help paying for college! You may be eligible for additional scholarships through the ECC Foundation, which awards over 200 merit and/or need-based scholarships each year. Apply online today at elgin.edu/scholarships.