

LINCOLN'S CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIPS

CLASS: _____

TEAM: _____

PRINTED NAME: _____
(LAST) (FIRST) (MI)

Lincoln's ChalleNGe Scholarship Grants. The Lincoln's ChalleNGe Academy is administrated by the Illinois Department of Military Affairs. Upon successful completion of that program, students may qualify for a scholarship to a community college. The Lincoln's ChalleNGe Scholarship Grant is a special appropriation received by the ICCB from the Governor and the General Assembly. These scholarships provide an opportunity for graduates of Lincoln's ChalleNGe to transition easily into higher education by attending one of the forty-nine public community colleges in the state. The scholarship grants can be used to cover the cost of education that includes tuition, books, fees, and required educational supplies.

- a. Students can qualify for their first Lincoln's ChalleNGe Scholarship Grant if they meet the following criteria:
 1. Complete the Lincoln's ChalleNGe Academy;
 2. Complete the GED.
 3. Enroll at one of the 49 Illinois public community colleges in a certificate or degree program within one year after graduation from the Lincoln's ChalleNGe Academy. **I MUST START COLLEGE PRIOR TO: _____ OR THE SCHOLARSHIP IS LOST.**
 4. Carry an academic load of at least six credit hours each term except the summer term;
 5. Present the "notification of award" letter signed by the Executive Director of the Illinois Community College Board to the community college at the time of registration.
- b. The scholarship is limited to \$1,000 per student per semester (\$500 per summer semester).
- c. The scholarship can be applied only to the cost of tuition, books, fees, uniforms, medical instruments, and tools, and **required** educational supplies. (Required educational supplies is intended to cover uniforms, medical instruments, or tools for specific programs/classes. The scholarship funds **will not** pay for walkmans, Cross pens, book bags, back packs, calculators (unless required for class and documented), tape recorders and tapes (unless the student has a documented learning disability).
- d. The grant will only reimburse the college at the in-district tuition rate.
- e. In order to receive the ICCB scholarship the following will be submitted to the Non-resident Office:
 1. Lincoln's ChalleNGe Academy Scholarship Application **completely** filled out (all blocks must be filled in).
- f. In order to remain qualified for (or renew) a Lincoln's ChalleNGe Scholarship, each student must:
 1. Submit a **Renewal Application** to the Illinois Community College Board, 401 E. Capitol Ave, Springfield, IL 62701-1874. Attached to this letter must be a copy of your grades from the previous attended semester. The application must be postmarked by August 1 for Fall Term, January 1 for Spring Term, and June 1 for Summer Term;
 2. Comply with academic standards as defined by college policy. The first semester, minimum grade point average, may be waived as a determining factor of academic standards' achievement if the student's academic advisor concludes that extenuating circumstances existed;
 3. Submit documentation showing the academic status and the number of college credit hours completed during the last term of enrollment at the college.
- g. Students can be awarded scholarship funds for three successive years, or a maximum of sixty-four credit hours (or more if completing an associate in applied science degree requiring additional credit hours) to be used toward the completion of a degree or certificate program.
- h. The number of scholarships awarded is contingent upon continued funding. Scholarships are limited by the amount of funds appropriated; students are not guaranteed continued scholarships nor initial scholarships even if all criteria are met.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

Q: I applied for a scholarship while I was at the challenge, do I need to apply again?

A: All applications that met the standard are submitted for approval. Those approved will receive their scholarship certificates at graduation and they do not need to apply for their first scholarship only for a renewal after they complete their first semester.

Q: When I renew my scholarship who do I send it to?

A: Renewal applications are sent directly to ICCB at 401 E. Capitol Ave, Springfield IL 62701.

Q: Upon graduation can I work first before I start my education?

A: Yes you may. However, the student must start their education within ONE year of graduation. If you fail to start within that year, you will forfeit any opportunity to use the scholarship.

Q: If I did not receive my GED while at the challenge do I lose any chance for my scholarship?

A: No you do not. However, you must complete your GED AND start your college within the ONE year timeframe. Failure to complete your GED will make you ineligible to use the ICCB scholarship.

Q: I planned to go to the Fall Semester and have changed my mind to go to the Spring Semester. Do I have to reapply for the scholarship to make this change?

A: No. You do not have to reapply. You have within ONE year of graduation to start your education. However, after you complete your first semester you must renew your scholarship with ICCB each Semester you wish to attend.

These guidelines are in accordance with the ICCB's Subpart E: Finance, Section 1501.501 Definition of Terms and Section 1501.520 Lincoln's Challenge Grants.

SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

ILLINOIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD
LINCOLN'S CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

LINCOLN'S CHALLENGE ACADEMY
205 DODGE AVENUE
RANTOUL, ILLINOIS 61866
(217) 892-1339 FAX (217) 893-9797

Receipt or renewal of this scholarship is contingent upon availability of funding from the Illinois Community College Board.

APPLICATION DUE DATES: **SPRING SEMESTER – JANUARY 1**
 SUMMER SEMESTER – JUNE 1
 FALL SEMESTER – AUGUST 1

Initial Application _____ (Send initial application to the Lincoln's Challenge address above.)			Current Date _____		
Renewal Application _____ (MUST SPECIFY SEMESTER) Spring _____ Summer _____ Fall _____					
(Send renewal applications with copy of grades from previous semester attended to Yvonne Singley, Illinois Community College Board, 401 East Capitol Avenue, Springfield, Illinois 62701-1711 or fax (217) 524-4981.)					
Class Number _____		Graduation Date _____		SSN # _____	
Name _____					
Last		First		MI	
Current Address _____					
Street Number				Apt #	
City _____		State _____		Zip Code _____	
Home Address (if different from above) _____					
Street Address				Apt #	
City _____		State _____		Zip Code _____	
Home phone: _____			Work phone: _____		
Community College you will be attending: _____					
<i>(Must be within your home district unless attending Parkland College)</i>					
Have you applied for financial aid? Yes _____ No _____					
Signature of Applicant: _____				Date _____	
Verified by LCP (for initial application only) _____				Date _____	