



CASA

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FOR CHILDREN

ILLINOIS



Illinois CASA Scholarship

Use this document to collect all necessary information prior to completing the application. The nominee must be nominated by a CASA/GAL program or volunteer.

CRITERIA FOR NOMINEE

- Nominee is currently or previously affiliated with a local program in the Illinois CASA network by assignment of a volunteer advocate or staff member to their case*
- Nominee has graduated from or is scheduled to graduate from a high school or alternative school or received or is scheduled to receive his/her High School Equivalency (GED)*
- Nominee is currently applying to be accepted, has been accepted, or is currently enrolled in an institute of higher learning, vocational or trade school*
- Nominee is willing to publicly acknowledge his or her receipt of the scholarship award

NOMINEE CONTACT INFORMATION

- ☐ Name*
- ☐ Gender *(not required)*
- ☐ Preferred Pronouns *(not required)*
- ☐ Race/Ethnicity *(not required)*
- ☐ Date of Birth *(not required)*
- ☐ Address *(not required)*
- ☐ Phone Number*
- ☐ Email Address*
- ☐ Local CASA/GAL Program Contact Name*, Phone Number*, Email Address*

EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

- ☐ Name of the top choice higher learning institute, vocational or trade school*
- ☐ Intended area of study
- ☐ Name and date of high school graduation or receipt of High School Equivalency (GED)*
- ☐ High school GPA*
- ☐ Post-secondary GPA* *(required if applicable)*

WORK HISTORY

- ☐ Company/Organization
- ☐ Roles/Responsibilities

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- ☐ Activities
- ☐ Length of Participation

APPLICATION TIMELINE

- Application Open: April 28, 2021
- Deadline for submission: May 26, 2021, by 5pm CST
- Scholarship Recipient Announced: June 2, 2021

For questions please contact:

libby@illinoiscasa.org

**Required*

Scholarship Document Requirements

2021

Application, letter of recommendation, personal essay and transcripts must be emailed to: libby@illinoiscasa.org no later than Wednesday, May 28, 2021 by 5pm CST

DOCUMENTS FOR SUBMISSION

- ☐ Nominator Letter of Recommendation*
- ☐ Nominee's Personal Essay*
- ☐ Educational Transcripts* *(Note: Must include high school transcripts from nominees graduating high school.)*

NOMINEE'S PERSONAL ESSAY*

The personal essay is intended to provide the Scholarship Selection Committee with additional information about the applicant. The essay is an opportunity for the nominee to share their personal story, barriers encountered and future hopes and plans. Please also include how awarded funds would be used.

- Written - This essay should be one full page, typed in Arial 12 point font

NOMINATOR LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION*

Attach a typed, one-page (8.5 x 11) maximum letter of recommendation describing why the nominee should be awarded the Illinois CASA Scholarship. Please include the length of time that you have known the nominee, the nominee's personal strengths, financial need, academic achievement, or any additional information that will inform the Selection Committee as to the reason for the nomination.

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