



2019 – 2020 Scholarship Application

Revised: February 11, 2019

Please return completed application (including required documents) to:

Lincoln College Admissions Office
Attn: Lincoln College Scholarship Committee
300 Keokuk Street
Behrends Building
Lincoln, IL 62656

General Information

Freshmen & Transfer Students:

Merit-based scholarships and grants reward students for their academic success before attending Lincoln College. These scholarships are awarded to new **freshman** based on cumulative high school GPA and SAT / ACT scores. **Transfer students** can also receive merit awards on the basis of all previous college level work. It is the student's responsibility to provide his or her transcripts with the scholarship application.

Returning Students:

Returning students that have already submitted a complete annual and endowed scholarship **form DO NOT need to resubmit an application**. At the beginning of the Fall semester, students that have received an annual or endowed scholarship will have his or her GPA re-evaluated for consideration. This is not a guarantee that the scholarship will be renewed or that the same scholarship will be awarded. The student must have a GPA of 2.0 or higher with Lincoln College and must be a positive representative of the college and its student body.

Students that have previously received an annual or endowed scholarship do not need to submit an additional application, letters of recommendation, or transcripts as this information is on file. Students may update the Advancement office about student activities, majors, or other relevant information.

Deadline for Submission: April 1st

Please Note:

*If a student is selected to receive a scholarship, he or she will be contacted by their admission counselor or by a financial aid representative. This student will also be contacted by an advancement office representative regarding the Annual Scholarship Banquet, held each October. **Every scholarship recipient must respond to requests for paperwork needed and attend the annual banquet.** Failure to do so could result in the forfeiture of the awarded scholarship.*

Personal Information

First Name / Middle Initial:

Last Name:

Current Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

County: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

If residing with a Parent / Guardian:

Parent / Guardian Name: _____

Race / Ethnicity:

Optional, but may be required to qualify for some scholarships

_____ Caucasian, Non-Hispanic _____ Black or African-American _____ Hispanic

_____ Asian or Pacific Islander _____ Amer. Indian or Alaskan Native _____ Other

Scholarship Information

Please check if you meet any criteria below

_____ Member of Dewitt County 4-H

_____ Rural background

_____ Veteran / Dependent of Veteran

_____ Mt. Pulaski resident

_____ Local HS Graduate

_____ Single parent / child of single parent

Education & Work Experience

Lincoln College Student Status:

____ Prospective / Freshman ____ Sophomore ____ Junior ____ Senior

Enrollment for 2019-2020 School Year: ____ Full time ____ Part Time

Educational Goal:

____ Associate Degree ____ Bachelor Degree ____ Master Degree or Higher

Field of Study / Major: _____
(If decided)

High School

School Name: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Graduation Date: _____ OR Home School: _____ GED: _____

Grade Point Average: _____ on a _____ scale

College

(For Transfer Students)

School Name: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Employment

Employer: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Dates Employed: _____

Job Title: _____

Responsibilities:

Essay Portion

Students must submit at least a one page, typed sheet that answer the questions listed below for full consideration for scholarship funds. Submissions will be reviewed for content, grammar, spelling, and capitalization. Please include your name and LC ID number (if applicable) at the top of each sheet.

Please Note: Applicants may contact the LC Academic Success Center (217-735-7303) for assistance with proofreading.

Required Questions:

1. What impact will this scholarship have on your future? Why will you be a great representative of Lincoln College? Please include your educational and career goals.
2. Describe community / volunteer service and high school or college activities that you have participated in or are currently involved. Include the length of your involvement, responsibilities, and leadership experience.
3. Please explain financial and/or personal challenges you face as you pursue your education or include any other information that shows you are deserving of this scholarship.

Transcripts

Copies of your high school and/or other college transcripts are required to be eligible for scholarship funds. Please refer to the guidelines below, and submit the required documentation with this application or have them mailed directly to:

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Educational Status	Transcripts Required
Prospective student with no college experience	High school transcripts
College transfer student	High school AND college transcripts
Current LC student	LC transcripts

Recommendations

All applications must include at least two recommendations from people not related to the applicant but who know him or her well. Ideal candidates might include faculty members, high school teachers, advisors, and employers. The more they know about the student and his or her successes, circumstances, and/or the challenges he or she has met – the better recommendation they will be able to provide.

Some scholarships may require recommendations from specific people. Any additional requirements are listed as additional application requirements in the scholarship guide, available on the LC Financial Aid website and office.

Completed recommendation forms must be mailed directly to the LC Admissions Office by the student’s references.

Each scholarship application comes with two Recommendation Forms to be submitted to an applicant’s references. Students should also provide their references with a stamped envelope to return to the LC Admissions office:

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Please list the names of the references who will be submitting recommendations:

Reference #1:

Name: _____

Title: _____ **Phone:** _____

Relationship to Student: _____

Reference #2:

Name: _____

Title: _____ **Phone:** _____

Relationship to Student: _____

Financial Information

Have you completed the FAFSA? _____ Yes _____ No

Date Completed: _____

Important Note: *If financial need is listed as an eligibility requirement of a scholarship for which you are applying, you MUST complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as soon as possible after October 1st. Visit <https://fafsa.ed.gov/> for more information.*

Scholarship Application Agreement

Please read carefully! Initial each statement after it is read and then sign below. Signature is required.

_____ I hereby certify that the information in this application and any accompanying documents are accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge.

_____ I consent to the release of personal information, financial need calculations, academic records and recommendations to the selection committee and scholarship sponsors for the sole purpose of determining my eligibility for receipt of financial assistance and/or scholarship award(s).

_____ If awarded a scholarship from Lincoln College, I understand that I must notify the Advancement Office and Financial Aid Office if I should fail at any time during the scholarship period to meet the scholarship criteria.

_____ If awarded, I release to Lincoln College and the scholarship sponsor the right to use my name and picture for publications, reports, and press releases. I also agree to attend the Lincoln College Scholarship Reception, and if requested, to meet with the donor(s) at other appropriate functions.

_____ I understand that I cannot receive other financial aid or scholarships equal to or exceeding the cost of attending Lincoln College.

_____ I understand that I cannot receive more than one scholarship/award restricted to payment of tuition and fees if the total of the awards exceeds the actual charges of such tuition and fees.

_____ I understand that scholarship selection is competitive; eligibility requirements may be updated without notice, and all awards are subject to the availability of funds.

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____

Scholarship Recommendation Form

This form must be delivered by the reference to the Lincoln College Financial Aid Office before March 1st. Recommendations received after that date may not be fully considered for scholarship funds.

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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANT:

Applicant Name: _____

Lincoln College ID#: _____

Phone Number: _____

I, the undersigned, agree to waive all rights to view or challenge the content of this recommendation. I understand that this is a confidential document which may be released only to Lincoln College representatives for the sole purpose of determining my eligibility for scholarship assistance.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE SCHOLARSHIP REFERENCE:

Reference Name: _____

Title/Occupation: _____

Phone Number: _____

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please provide on a separate sheet of paper why you believe this applicant is deserving of a scholarship. Some suggested characteristics to include would be: leadership skills, integrity, responsibility, social behavior, independence, initiative, communication skills, and commitment to academics. These are just suggestions of qualities the scholarship committee looks for in an applicant.



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This form must be delivered by the reference to the Lincoln College Financial Aid Office as soon as possible. Students cannot be considered for an annual or endowed scholarship until the application is complete.

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Scholarship Application Submission Checklist

Please refer to the checklist below to ensure your application is completed and you will have full consideration during the selection process:

- _____ Completed Scholarship Application submitted to LC Admissions Office
- _____ FAFSA completed
- _____ Essay answers submitted (typed and on an additional document)
- _____ Required transcripts submitted to the Admissions Office
- _____ Recommendation forms submitted to at least two references with the included form and a stamped envelope to mail back to LC Admissions Office

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