



# State Representative Joe Sosnowski's Illinois General Assembly Scholarship

In accordance with the provisions of the General Assembly Scholarship Program, Representative Joe Sosnowski (69<sup>th</sup> District) will be awarding sixteen, one-semester scholarships for the 2012-2013 school year at any public, four-year state university in Illinois. These scholarships cannot be used at community colleges, private colleges or universities, or out-of-state institutions.

Applications are reviewed and ranked by a scholarship committee comprised of individuals from the three counties in the 69<sup>th</sup> district. Members of the committee will rank each section of the application according to a point system. Their rankings are based upon a student's demonstrated commitment to community service through volunteerism, academic achievement and financial need. Absolutely no political affiliations are ever considered during the review process. Representative Sosnowski utilizes the scholarship committee as an independent board and does not personally review or rank applications. All identifying information will be redacted from the applications and replaced with a numerical identifier before the applications are distributed to the selection committee.

While a student may be awarded more than one General Assembly Scholarship during his or her college career, preference will be given to those who have not previously received a General Assembly Scholarship.

To be considered for the General Assembly Scholarship, the student must:

- Live within the 69<sup>th</sup> Legislative District (Verify your address at: <http://bit.ly/statereps>)
- Be accepted at the state university of one's choice as a full time student
- Demonstrate a commitment to community service
- Demonstrate a need for financial assistance
- Submit a fully completed application including essays and recommendations
- Fully complete the Consent to Publish form

**Please postmark all below required materials by April 30, 2012:**

- Completed application (pages 2 and 3)
- Official high school transcript
- Official college transcript (if applicable)
- Page of FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR) showing Expected Family Contribution (EFC)
- Page of parent/guardian's and student's federal 1040 forms showing Adjusted Gross Incomes (AGI) for 2011
- Three (3) letters of recommendation
- Completed "Consent to Publish" form

**Notification of awards will be made by June 1, 2012.**

*Please mail all materials to the district office address below:*

*State Representative Joe Sosnowski  
Scholarship Selection Committee  
998 Belvidere Rd., Suite 3  
Belvidere, IL 61008*



**FINANCIAL NEED**

Complete the following section with information from either the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or income tax information as recorded on the most recent form 1040 tax filings for all parties responsible for meeting tuition requirements. All names will be redacted from applications before they are forwarded to the selection committee to protect the privacy of the applicant.

**FAFSA Information — Please provide a copy of the page showing EFC**

Expected Family Contribution (EFC) as listed on the FAFSA Student Aid Report: \_\_\_\_\_

**Federal 1040 Form — Please provide a copy of the page[s] showing AGI**

Parent/Guardian’s Adjusted Gross Income for 2011: \_\_\_\_\_

Student’s Adjusted Gross Income for 2011: \_\_\_\_\_

What employment plans do you have for the 2012-2013 school year? \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe any personal or family circumstances you feel should be brought to the selection committee’s attention that pertains to funding your education. Utilize an extra page if necessary.

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**RECOMMENDATIONS**

Obtain three recommendations from a mix of teachers and volunteer sources. Please have the person writing the recommendations use the form provided.

Please list the names of the people writing your recommendations:

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_

**ESSAY QUESTIONS**

Please attach a brief essay (1000 words or less) answering the following questions:

- 1. Describe your experience as a volunteer, why you choose to volunteer, and how you plan to serve your community in the future.
- 2. What is the role and importance of government in the lives of people in the community?

*Thank you for completing the scholarship application. Please postmark all required materials by April 30, 2012 and send to: State Representative Joe Sosnowski, Scholarship Selection Committee, 998 Belvidere Rd. Suite 3, Belvidere IL 61008*

**Representative Joe Sosnowski  
General Assembly Scholarship Recommendation Form  
2012-2013 School Year**

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Name of Applicant

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University which student will attend

Major

1. How long have you known this student and in what capacity?
  
2. Please provide your assessment of this student's ability for academic achievement and potential for making a positive impact on the community in the future.

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Name

Phone

Please have student return this form with other application materials.

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General Assembly Scholarship Application  
2012-2013 School Year**

**Consent to Publish Form**

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Major Field of Study: \_\_\_\_\_

University: \_\_\_\_\_

In the event that I am selected to receive an Illinois General Assembly Scholarship, I hereby give my consent to State Representative Joe Sosnowski to disclose any of the above information to radio, television, print or other media for publication.

I understand that failure to complete and submit this consent form with my application by April 30, 2012 (latest allowed postmarked date) will result in an incomplete application and the application will not be reviewed.

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_