

Senior

Year

For _____

The purpose of this booklet is to prepare you for graduation with the Illini West Class of 2011, to meet the goals of your future plans, and to have a smooth transition to Illini West's graduation requirements of 22 credits. Hopefully, you will enjoy your senior year. Please look over the attached pages and please keep this for reference all year and meeting with your counselors. May of 2011 will come fast, please be prepared!!

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- A. All Seniors should prepare a Senior Resume to use with their applications for college and scholarships. Save the document and update as the year progresses. Colleges are looking for the well rounded individual.
- B. Examples of Senior Resumes are included to help prepare your own.

Get Ready, Set, Go !!!

Illini West High School
Graduation Progress Set: Graduation as of

Sample

Requirement	Required
English	4.000
English	4.000
Math	3.000
Math	3.000
Social Studies	2.000
Social Studies	2.000
Science	2.000
Science	2.000
Health	0.500
Health	0.500
Consumer Education	0.500
Consumer Education	0.500
Drivers Education	0.500
Drivers Education	0.500
Physical Education	1.000
Physical Education	1.000
Computers	0.500
Computers	0.500
Electives	8.000
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College Visit Days

It is our high school attendance policy that seniors and juniors will be given an exempt excused absence for visitation to a prospective college if proper procedures are followed. One day will be allowed during a student's junior year and two days during a student's senior year. **THESE DAYS MUST BE PRE-ARRANGED AND APPROVED BY THE GUIDANCE COUNSELOR at least two days in advance.**

- (1) An appointment made in advance (2-5 days preferred) with a college representative and the date reported to both the office and counselor.
- (2) A parent must assume responsibility for transportation to the college. We highly recommend that a parent go with the child to visit the college also.
- (3) A parent must send a signed note to Illini West office giving permission and date of absence.
- (4) College days will count as absences, but can be exempt if these listed procedures are followed. Exempt absences do not count towards the the total of absences before credit is lost. However, Perfect Attendance points are affected for that week.
- (5) Students are limited to one College day as a junior and two days as a senior.

The following suggestions might help make the college day more worthwhile.

- (1) Meet with **Admission Personnel**, to discuss entrance requirements, admission policies, ACT and class rank requirements.
- (2) Meet with **Financial Aid Personnel**, to get information on costs, scholarships, grants and work study opportunities.
- (3) Meet with **students** to get their opinion of the school.
- (4) Meet with **Housing Personnel** to get information on dorms, housing arrangements, campus rules on a car, etc.
- (5) Check with **Placement Services** to see about chances of getting a job after graduation.
- (6) **Be prepared, on time, be yourself, and have a good day!!**

Admission Application Guidelines

Do:

- ✓ Read applications and directions carefully.
- ✓ Make sure that everything that is supposed to be included is enclosed.
- ✓ Make copies of applications and practice filling one out before you complete the original.
- ✓ Type or neatly print (in ink) your answers, and then proofread the application several times for accuracy. Also ask someone else to proofread it for you.
- ✓ Keep a copy of all forms you submit to colleges.
- ✓ Be thorough and on time.

Don't:

- ✓ Write in script or with a pencil. If you do not have access to a typewriter, print neatly.
- ✓ Be unclear. If the question calls for a specific answer, don't try to dodge it by being vague.
- ✓ **Put it off!!!** Applying early will put you at the top of the list for dormitory selection, class registration, and financial aid. In addition, many programs can accept only a limited number of students. Admission into these programs, and into an increasing number of colleges, closes as early as December.

What is needed to apply? In general, admission officers are interested in the following basic materials?

- A. A completed and signed application and any required application fee. Many institutions have online applications and reduce the application fee if you apply online.
- B. An official copy of your high school transcript, including your class rank and grade point average.
- C. An official record of your ACT or SAT scores. Most colleges and universities will accept this off of your high school transcript. If they require the scores to be reported directly from Iowa City, Mrs. Logan has the forms needed to request the record.
- D. Other items that may be required include letters of recommendation, an essay, and a midyear school report.

College Application Procedures

During first semester, each senior will meet with Mrs. Logan or Mr. Dion to discuss her/his plans after this year. For those interested in attending college, the following suggestions should be helpful to gain admittance.

- (1) It is the responsibility of the senior to obtain an application from the school(s) of choice. **The popular choice today is to file on-line.** Paper applications are still allowed at many colleges and some students like to look over a paper application before filing on-line.
- (2) The application will be sent and the colleges will make a decision upon the application and a six-semester transcript from the high school. The Transcript will include grades, classes attempted, attendance, GPA, and class rank. Often it is wise for the student to prepare a portfolio of high school activities and honors as most colleges are interested in evaluating the student's well-roundedness.
- (3) After the application is mailed, allow 3-6 weeks for response of acceptance. The application process should be completed by November. Highly selective schools often close by November or December. Housing and scholarship processes take place after the acceptance is obtained. We will have a financial aid meeting in late January or early February to learn the FAFSA (Pell and MAP Grants) process and obtain scholarship applications. **It is wise for both parent and students to have their tax returns completed early.** Several colleges have a March deadline.
- (4) It is usually wise to apply to more than one school. Most students apply to two or three schools and this gives them some comparison information. It is very important to visit the campus of each potential school of interest. Illini West allows college days as an excused, excused absence if prior arrangements are made.
- (5) You will need to answer the confidential information about your school academic record. Some confidential data that you will need.

At the end of 6 semesters

GPA _____

Class Rank _____ out of _____ students.

Best ACT Exam score to date . . . _____

(GPA and Class Rank change at the end of each semester)

State Universities in Illinois — At a Glance

Summary of Minimum High School Course Requirements for Admission of Freshman to Illinois Public Universities — Effective 2010 —

	Total	English	Social Studies	Mathematics	Science	Electives and Other Requirements
Chicago State +	15	4 ¹	3 ⁸	3 ¹⁰	3 ¹⁸	2 years of foreign language, music, vocational education or art 2 years of academic or vocational electives. 2 years of foreign language (FL), or 2 years of fine arts (FA) or a combination of 1 year FA/FL and 1 year of vocational education.
Eastern Illinois	15	4 ¹	3 ⁵	3 ¹⁰	3 ¹⁶	
Northeastern Illinois	15	4 ¹	3 ⁵	3 ¹⁰	3 ¹⁶	
Western Illinois +	15	4 ¹	3 ⁵	3 ¹⁰	3 ¹⁶	2 years of foreign language, music, vocational education, art, theatre, film, religion, philosophy, speech or journalism
Illinois State	15	4	2	3 ¹⁰	2 ¹⁶	2 years of one foreign language or fine arts; and 2 years of electives,
Northern Illinois	15	4 ²	3 ¹²	3 ¹²	3 ¹⁷	2 units (one must be foreign language, art, or music); 3 units of the required 15 units may be distributed by deducting no more than one unit from the categories of social studies, sciences, and electives and completing those 3 units in any of the 5 categories of coursework.
outhern Illinois University						
Carbondale	15 or 16	4 ¹	3 ⁸	3 or 4 ¹²	3 ¹⁸	2 years of electives in foreign language, art, fine arts, music or vocational education; if a foreign language is taken, it must include two semesters of the same language.
Edwardsville	15	4 ¹	3 ⁵	3 ¹²	3 ¹⁶	2 years chosen from foreign language, music, the visual arts, theatre, dance and/or vocational education.
iversity of Illinois						
Chicago	16	4 ⁴	3	3	3 ¹⁸	2 years of foreign language; 1 year of an elective.
Springfield	15	4 ⁴	3 ⁷	3 ¹⁵	3 ¹⁸	2 years of one foreign language or 2 years of fine arts, selected from art, music, dance and theatre are required.
Urbana-Champaign	15 or 15.5	4 ⁴	2 ⁸	3 or 3.5 ¹⁴	2 ¹⁸	2 years of one foreign language are required; and 2 years (flexible academic units) from any of the five subject categories. Approved art, music, or vocational education courses may be counted in the flexible academic units category.

IES:

Suggested Electives - includes other academic courses.
Emphasizing written and oral communication and literature.
Three units of English must be courses emphasizing written and oral communication and literature.
Emphasizing grammar, composition, written and oral communication, and literature; may include not more than 1 year of creative writing or journalism.
Studies in language, composition, and literature requiring practice in expository writing in all such work. Coursework should emphasize reading, writing, speaking, and listening.
Emphasize history and government.
One unit must be U.S. history or a combination of U.S. history and government.
At least 2 years of history and/or government; other acceptable subjects are anthropology, economics, geography, psychology, and sociology.
History and government are preferred. Additional acceptable social studies include anthropology, economics, geography, philosophy, political science, psychology, and sociology.
One unit must be American History plus 1 unit of history, government, psychology, economics or geography.
Introductory through advanced algebra, geometry, trigonometry, or fundamentals of computer programming (Computer programming not applicable at ISU).
Three to four units of college preparatory mathematics, including one year of geometry and one year of advanced algebra and/or trigonometry.
Algebra I & II, and a proof-based geometry course. A fourth unit is highly recommended: trigonometry and pre-calculus, or statistics, depending on the student's area of interest.

13. One year of introductory algebra, 1 year of geometry, 1/2 year of algebra beyond the introductory year, and 1/2 year of more advanced mathematics or fundamentals of computer programming.
14. Algebra, geometry, advanced algebra, trigonometry. Typically, such courses as career/occupational mathematics, consumer mathematics, applied business mathematics, pre-algebra, and computer courses are not acceptable. 3.5 years of mathematics including trigonometry are required in the following curricula: Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences - agricultural engineering; Business - all curricula; Engineering - all curricula; Fine and Applied Arts - architectural studies; Liberal Arts and Sciences-specialized curricula in biochemistry, chemical engineering, chemistry, geology, and physics.
15. Algebra, geometry, advanced algebra, trigonometry.
16. Laboratory sciences.
17. Two units must be courses in the physical or biological sciences. One unit must be a laboratory science.
18. One year of biology, 1 year of chemistry, and 1 additional year of earth science, physics, biology, or chemistry. (All must be laboratory sciences.)
19. Laboratory courses in biology, chemistry, or physics are preferred. Laboratory courses in astronomy and geology are also acceptable. General science will not be acceptable.

A CHECKLIST FOR SENIORS

Use this chart to keep track of important information. Remember to keep copies of all applications and related information.

Campus Visit				
College Applications				
Application Deadline				
Date Sent				
Official Transcript Sent				
Letters of Recommendation Name: Date Requested Follow-up Name: Date Requested Follow-up Name: Date Requested Follow-up				
Recommendation Form to Counselor				
Test Scores Requested				
Essay Completed				
All Signatures Collected				
Application Fee Enclosed				
Application Completed				
Letter of Acceptance/Denial/Wait List Received				
Financial Aid Application				
School's Priority Deadline				
Date Sent				
Student Aid Report Received				
Correct (Y/N)				
Date Changes Submitted, if needed				
Financial Aid Award Letter Received				
Financial Aid Accepted (Y/N)				
Colleges Notified of Intent				
Housing Application				
Application Submitted				
Application Fee Submitted				
Orientation Scheduled				

ACT Retakes

Your chances of improving your ACT score taken as a junior are 55% according to research done by ACT. We urge seniors to strongly consider retaking, especially if your college(s) of interest requires a higher score for acceptance to the college. Also, a higher score might give you more opportunities for academic scholarships at your college of choice. Become very familiar with www.actstudent.org as it explains most all of what you need to know for the ACT and has wonderful practice exams for review.

Seniors wishing to retake the ACT should register on-line at www.actstudent.org. The retakes are given on Saturday mornings and the schedule below will give the dates, deadlines, and late registration. The cost of taking the ACT for 2010-11 is \$33.00 and if you want to also retake the writing, the cost is \$48.00. The late registration costs add an additional \$21.00. Telephone registration adds an additional \$12.00. One should attempt to register on-line and by the deadline date. Check the website listed to find out if your college choices requires the writing section.

Illini West ACT six digit code number is 140-529

Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)
September 11, 2010*	August 6, 2010	August 7 – 20, 2010
October 23, 2010	September 17, 2010	September 18 – October 6, 2010
December 11, 2010	November 5, 2010	November 6 – 19, 2010
February 12, 2011**	January 7, 2011	January 8 – 21, 2011
April 9, 2011	March 4, 2011	March 5 – 18, 2011
June 11, 2011	May 6, 2011	May 7 – 20, 2011

ASVAB Exam

Illini West will host a voluntary ASVAB Exam for those juniors and seniors who are interested in seeing if they qualify for military entrance. The test will be given on **Nov. 10 at 8:20 at Illini West**. The test takes 3 hours. The purpose of the exam is to give a student another option after high school and there is no cost or obligation to take the exam. Typically, about 30 juniors and seniors take the exam.

Web Site Listings

General Financial Aid

ISAC (Illinois Student Assistance Commission)	www.collegezone.com 800-899-4722
Mapping Your Future	www.mapping-your-future.org
FAFSA on the Web	www.fafsa.ed.gov
PIN registration	www.pin.ed.gov
U.S. Dept. of Education	www.students.gov
The Student Guide to Financial Aid	studentaid.ed.gov/students/publications
Financial Aid Information Page	www.finaid.org
NCAA Guide for the Student Athlete	www.ncaa.org/cbsa

College Planning

The College Board	www.collegeboard.com
ACT	www.actstudent.org
	www.act.org
College Answer	www.collegeanswer.com
	www.theoldschool.org

Selecting and Applying to Colleges

College View	www.collegeview.com
College Link	www.collegelink.com
Go College	www.gocollege.com
My College Guide	www.mycollegeguide.org
Community Colleges Web Search	www.mcli.dist.maricopa.com

Career Information

Career Cruising	www.careercruising.com user: West Password: illini
Occupational Outlook Handbook	www.bis.gov./oco/
Jobweb	www.employmentguide.com/

Scholarship Services

FastWeb	www.fastweb.com
Free Scholarship Search	www.freschinfo.com
Scholarships.com	www.scholarship.com

Financial Aid Night

In late January, Illini West will host a “Paying for College” evening presentation for seniors and their parents. The evening will include the procedures for filling a FAFSA (Free Application for Financial Student Aid) and the presentation will be done by a college financial aid person. Terminology and procedures will be explained to help students attempt to get a Pell Grant, MAP Grant, Work Study, and Stafford loan information. The meeting will be held at Illini West and more information on date and time will be communicated as time gets closer.

Students will also get a folder with scholarship information. The communities in the Illini West school district have been very generous in their financial support of students and helping reduce the high cost of college education. A list of available local scholarships, due dates, criteria, and applications will be presented this evening. The list presented is based upon last year’s list.

University scholarship information should be obtained from the colleges where a senior is accepted. University scholarships are largely based upon academic criteria related to grade point average, ACT score, and talents. After acceptance, a student is wise to check with the particular university for scholarship opportunities.

Do not rule out any school by just looking at “sticker price”. It is best to wait until the “financial packages” from each school a student is accepted have been received before making a final decision. An application to two or three colleges is the norm, and a student typically does not make a final decision until March or April. Most all colleges do expect a final decision by May 1.

In summary, the following guidelines might be helpful for a senior:

By November 1, have applications completed to your colleges of interest.

By March 1, apply for grants with a form called FAFSA

By April 1, apply for local scholarships (some might be sooner, watch dates on application)

By May 1, make a final decision of college that you will be attending.

(Attached is a tentative list of local scholarships that will be announced at Honors Night on May 4, 2011)

2009-10 College Costs	Tuition Fees	Room Board	Personal & Books *	Approx. Cost Per Year
Four-Year Private Colleges				
Augustana College	31,326	7,950	3,000	42,276
Blackburn College	14,286	4,581	3,000	21,867
Bradley College	23,950	7,650	3,000	34,600
Culver-Stockton College	22,550	7,400	3,000	32,950
DePaul University	27,343	10,617	3,000	40,960
Drake University	25,680	7,800	3,000	36,480
Eureka College	17,390	7,440	3,000	27,830
Hannibal-LaGrange College	15,480	6,000	3,000	24,480
Greenville College	20,216	6,796	3,000	30,012
Illinois College	21,300	7,600	3,000	31,900
Illinois Wesleyan University	33,982	7,776	3,000	44,758
Iowa Wesleyan College	20,000	6,240	3,000	29,240
Knox College	31,911	7,164	3,000	42,075
Lincoln Christian College	13,020	5,783	3,000	21,803
Lewis University	22,990	8,350	3,000	34,340
MacMurray College	18,390	6,980	3,000	28,370
McKendree College	22,070	7,850	3,000	32,920
Millikin University	26,345	7,866	3,000	37,211
Monmouth College	24,950	7,300	3,000	35,250
Northwestern University	38,088	11,703	3,000	52,791
Quincy University	22,030	8,380	3,000	33,410
Washington (St. Louis) University	38,864	12,465	3,000	54,329
Wheaton	26,520	7,770	3,000	37,290
Four-Year Public Universities				
Eastern Illinois University	9,430	8,200	3,000	20,630
Illinois State University	10,672	7,887	3,000	21,559
Northern Illinois University	10,736	8,112	3,000	21,848
SIU - Carbondale	10,411	8,082	3,000	21,493
SIU - Edwardsville	8,336	7,461	3,000	18,797
University of Illinois - Urbana	12,788	9,284	3,000	25,072
U. of Illinois - Springfield	9,254	8,450	3,000	20,704
Western Illinois University	8,958	8,062	3,000	20,020
Four-Year Public (Out of State) includes out of state tuition				
Truman State University	11,542	6,290	3,000	20,832
U. of Missouri (Columbia)	19,558	8,100	3,000	30,658
U. of Iowa (Iowa City)	20,658	7,079	3,000	30,737
Iowa State U. (Ames)	17,350	6,884	3,000	27,234
Two-Year Colleges				
Carl Sand. Carthage or Galesburg	3,668	Home	3,000	6,668
Southeastern - Burlington or Keokuk	3,668	Home	3,000	6,668
SCC is same tuition as Carl Sandburg with reciprocal agreement				
Vatterott College (Quincy)	20,500	6,000	3,000	29,500
AIB (Des Moines) Out of District	12,231	3,150	3,000	18,381
John Wood CC (Quincy)	3,365	6,000	3,000	12,669
Spoon River College	3,300	6,000	3,000	12,300
Indian Hills (Ottumwa, IA)	5,310	5,175	3,000	13,485

Source: Illinois Student Assistance Commission Handbook, and The College Board - College Cost 2009-10
Note: Costs listed are for 2009-10 school year as most schools have not set rates for 2010-11.

- Personal expenses are estimates and will vary with each student's spending habits and the location of school. A standard of \$3,000 is used for comparison and to give a closer picture of actual total college cost.

LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS 2010-11

Tentative list, updated each January

SCHOLARSHIP	RECIPIENT	DUE DATE*	APPROX. VALUE	CRITERIA
Arthur Wright Entrepreneurial Scholarship	Illini West Senior	April 1	\$ 500	Some type of business activity that required the making of operational decisions and taking financial risk.
Burnside Mason Lodge - Elmer Dunsworth	Ferris-Burnside Area Senior	April 1	\$ 250	Must live in Ferris/Burnside area
Byron/Bernice West	Illini West Senior	April 1	\$ 1,500	Scholarship, leadership, service
C. Dannen Latherow Memorial Scholarship	Illini West Senior	April 1	\$ 1,500	Applicants must have an accumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher. Applicant must complete a personal interview with the scholarship selection committee.
Carl Sandburg Academic	Illini West Senior	March 1	\$ 1,500	Going to Carl Sandburg College and 3.00 GPA minimum
Carson Ford - FFA	Illini West Senior	Feb. 15	\$ 1,000	FFA member, apply on-line, must take signature page to Carson Ford.
Carthage Lions Scholarship	Illini West Senior	April 1	\$ 250	Well-rounded Senior(s) involved in community service
Child of Veteran	Hancock County (One per county)	March 1	Full Tuition (4 years)	Must be a child of veteran going to University of Illinois.
Clipper Fire Department	Illini West Senior	April 1	\$ 1,000	In memory of fallen firefighters Doug Buckert & Mike Mapes. Community and civic service emphasized.
Col. Julian Burkness Sch.	Illini West Senior	April 1	\$ 250	To be announced. Four scholarships for 2010-11.
Dallas City Lions Scholarship	Illini West Senior	April 1	\$ 250	Well-rounded Senior(s) involved in community service.
Dr. B.I. & Flora Mueller Scholarship	Illini West Senior	April 1	\$ 500	Selection is based upon academic performance and leadership ability.
Eagles	Illini West Senior	April 1	\$ 500	Senior who has been involved in service activities and has taken a leadership role
Eagles Auxiliary	Illini West Senior	April 1	\$ 500	Essay, recommendation, volunteer work (2 to be awarded)
Edith Blender Memorial	Illini West Senior	April 1	\$ 500	Applicants must be a resident of Durham Township
Farm Bureau (Hancock Co)	Hancock County	March 31	\$ 500	Major in an Ag related field. Financial need considered.
1 st Farm Credit Scholarship	Hancock County	Feb. 16	\$ 1,000	Major in an Ag. related field, "At the Heart of a Growing America", essay, 4-H or FFA involvement, deadline critical.
First Bankers Trust	Illini West Senior	March 31	\$ 500	Involvement with school activities, work and volunteer work along with community service
First State Bank	Illini West Senior	March 1	\$ 500	Must be going to Carl Sandburg, apply to Carl Sandburg.
First State Bank	Illini West Senior	April 1	\$ 700	Must be going to WIU.
Fred Gibb Jr. Mem. Sch.	Illini West Senior	April 1	\$ 500	IW senior with clear voc.-educational goals.
Glen Smiddy Memorial Scholarship	Hancock County	Feb. 19	\$ 500	Major in agriculture, goals to pursue a career in agriculture or ag-business related activity.

SCHOLARSHIP	RECIPIENT	DUE DATE*	APPROX. VALUE	CRITERIA
Hancock Co. Republican Women Scholarship	Hancock County	April 1	\$ 500	Open to female seniors in Hancock County. Essay required. Leadership, transcript, interview, community involvement
Hancock Teen Court	Hancock County	March 12	\$ 500	Available to members involved in Teen Court.
Hancock Co. Beef Association Scholarship	Hancock County		\$ 500	Up to three scholarships awarded to senior with plans to enroll in College of Agriculture. Goals are important.
Illini West Education Teachers Association Sch.	Illini West Senior	April 1	\$ 250	Going into teaching, emphasis upon involvement in helping and caring for youth.
Illini West Sports Booster Scholarship	Illini West Senior	April 1	\$ 500	Athletic record and future plans to participate in a sport in college. Academics are considered.
Illinois Masonic Scottish Rite Scholarship (Health Care)	Quincy Area	April 1	Varies	Going into health career, minimum of 3.0 GPA, and must be planning on attending a school in Illinois.
Illinois Elks Children's Care Program	Illinois	March 12	Varies	For students with Physical and Occupational Therapy majors. Apply online at www.iea-ccc.info
Jacob Burling Memorial Sch.	Illini West Senior	April 1	Varies	School involvement, leadership, role model to youth important.
Jerry "Bud" Boyer Sch.	Illini West Senior	April 1	\$ 750	Athletics, scholarship, leadership
Joshua Palmer/ Evan James Memorial Scholarship(Pending)	Illini West Senior	April 1	\$ 500	In 250 words or less, tell how you would use this scholarship to meet your goals.
Kiwanis Carthage Kiwanis/ Key Club Scholarship	Illini West Senior(s)	March 12	\$ 500	Active in Key Club and community service. Up to 3 scholarships available.
Kyle Johnson Memorial Sch.	Illini West Senior	April 1	\$ 500	Applicants must have cumulative GPA or 3.0 or higher. Applicants must complete a personal interview with committee.
LaHarpe Community Book Scholarship	Illini West Senior		\$ 200	The recipient of this scholarship will be chosen from among the Recipients of the six foundation scholarships.
Leon & Marion Lamet	Hancock County	April 1	\$ 1,000	Must be going to WIU, renewable, 2.5 +ACT gets first priority.
Lawton Endowment Fund	Hancock & Schuyler Counties	March 31	Varies	Must be going to private accredited college or university. Financial consideration.
Lyle/Clarice Scott	Illini West Senior	April 1	\$ 200	Scholarship, leadership and service
Memorial Hospital/Hancock Nursing Home Auxiliary Sch.	Hancock County (two given)	April 15	\$1,000	Going into nursing, medical field. Minimum of 3.0 GPA required, recommendations, school attendance emphasized
Marine Bank & Trust	Illini West Senior	- -	\$ 500	Student of Year - Selected from "Seniors of the Month"
Marine Bank Business Scholarship	Hancock County	March 1	\$ 500	Going to Carl Sandburg next fall. Applications are included in Carl Sandburg Scholarship Book.
Memorial Hospital Medical Staff Scholarship	Hancock County	April 1	\$ 500	Plans to pursue a health career.
Memorial Hospital/ HIA	Hancock County	April 1	\$ 500	Plans to pursue a health career.

SCHOLARSHIP	RECIPIENT	DUE DATE*	APPROX. VALUE	CRITERIA
Scholarship				
Minnie White	Hancock County	March 15	\$ 100	High academic GPA, ACT considerations.
Myra Green	Illini West Senior	April 1	\$ 500	Citizenship, personality, loyalty
PTA - Lillian Glover Sch.	PTA District	Feb. 15	\$ 2,500	Upper 1/3 of class, preparing to become a teacher.
Ross "Bill" Jones Mem. Sch.	Illini West Senior	April 1	\$ 100	Improvement of GPA from Fresh. to senior year. Financial Need
Sherman Tweedt Scholarship	Illini West Senior	April 1	\$1,500 (approx)	Scholarship, leadership, community service, financial need.
Sheriff's Scholarship	Hancock County (One per county)	March 12	\$ 500	Must write essay and attend Illinois school. Applications are on-line at Illinois Sheriff's Association (under programs)
Special Education Tuition Waiver	State of Illinois	March 1	Tuition	Preparing to go into teaching special education. Applicant must be in upper half of class.
SE Iowa Builders Assoc.	Tri-State Area	Feb.18	\$ 1,000	Interest in a career in the construction industry. See web site
Sunbeam Corner Alumni Scholarship	Illini West Senior			Scholarship to a IW senior who went to Sunbeam Corner Daycare in her/his pre-school years. Contact is Pam Dunn.
Tara Cameron	Illini West Senior	April 1	\$ 500	Class leadership, citizenship, inspiration, courage
Ted Irish Memorial Scholarship	Illini West Senior	April 1	\$ 500	Applicants must be pursuing a degree in agriculture.
Tri-State Transportation Club	Tri-State Area	March 1	\$ 500-1,000	Students pursuing transportation majors/ business field.
Wanita Patrick Memorial Scholarship	Illini West Senior	April 1	\$ 1,000	To honor Mrs. Patrick, who taught in Special Education. Scholarship for student in the special ed. program.
Women Working Together	Illini West Senior	April 1	\$ 1,000	Senior girl, scholarship, leadership, and community service
Wyatt & Madison Elliot Memorial Scholarship	Illini West Senior	April 1	\$ 500	To honor two former Carthage elementary students who lost their lives in a tragic accident. Honors an average, good person.

The above listing is not exhaustive of all scholarships, but lists local scholarships that the Illini West guidance office is aware of and has application forms. Students should contact their colleges of interest to obtain information about university scholarships.

Go thru this list and select the scholarships you want to be considered as a candidate for scholarship, and fill in an application by the due date. If you are missing an application or have questions see Mrs. Logan or Mr. Dion. Deadline dates are critical in most scholarships.

It is wise to prepare an Activities Resume (see your senior booklet for examples) and this should help save time in the application preparation. Night for Illini West (announcement of scholarship recipients) will be Wednesday, May 4, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. in the Illini West gym.

Financial Aid Checklist

For High School Students

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Freshman, Sophomore and Junior Years

- Create an electronic portfolio through IllinoisMentor's My Mentor to store personal, educational, career and test score information.
- Research federal, state, institutional and private sources of financial aid. Use one or more of the free scholarship search services available at collegezone.com to help in your search. Don't be fooled by fraudulent services that ask you to pay for information.
- Obtain summer jobs or internships that relate to your career interests to save money for college.

Senior Year (Through December 31st)

- Call a College Zone Counselor or visit collegezone.com for financial aid information. Use the State & Federal Aid Estimator at collegezone.com to get your estimated expected family contribution (EFC) and other information.
- Prepare to complete a FAFSA and check with the college financial aid office for other required forms and deadlines. If you plan to submit the FAFSA online at fafsa.ed.gov, register for a personal identification number (PIN) at pin.ed.gov. A parent will need to register for a separate PIN.
- Use a scholarship search service at collegezone.com to search for other financial aid sources. Beware of FAFSA and scholarship search services that may be scams or frauds. Do not pay for information or services that are provided free elsewhere.
- Investigate the total cost of attendance for each of the colleges in which you are interested and continue to research funding available to you from federal, state and institutional sources.
- Look for more information on additional private sources of financial aid. Search local newspapers, community-based organizations, local libraries and companies and ask high school counselors and financial aid administrators for suggestions.

Senior Year (After January 1st)

- You and your parents should prepare income tax forms for the previous year since tax information is reported on the FAFSA.
- If applicable, begin the process to retrieve the proceeds from your 529 college savings and/or prepaid tuition programs.
- Attend a FAFSA Workshop or CAP** event for guidance in completing the FAFSA.
- Complete, electronically submit or sign and mail the FAFSA after January 1st, but before the priority date for the college and Illinois MAP and IIA grants. Use IllinoisMentor's FAFSA Transfer option to populate the FAFSA.
- If you are not using a PIN when submitting the FAFSA online, sign and mail the signature page.
- Complete and submit applications for financial aid programs not covered by the FAFSA.

2 - 6 Weeks After The FAFSA Is Filed

- You will receive a Student Aid Report (SAR). This will reflect all of the information you submitted on the FAFSA as well as include your official expected family contribution (EFC).
- Review the accuracy of your data and follow instructions on the SAR. If the SAR needs to be corrected, contact the college financial aid office for assistance.

March - Summer

- You will receive a financial aid award letter from each college that outlines the different programs and awards you are eligible to receive from that college.
- Compare financial aid packages and other factors and select the college you will attend.
- Accept all or a part of the financial aid offered. If required, sign and return the award letter to the college in a timely manner.

Where to find information

College Zone—the trusted source for college information

collegezone.com

collegezone@isac.org

800.899.ISAC (4722)

College Zone Outreach Center at your local community college

IllinoisMentor at collegezone.com

Remember

- ⚡ Meet deadline dates!
- ⚡ Keep photocopies and/or e-mail confirmation of all completed forms and worksheets.
- ⚡ Reapply for financial aid each year and use the Renewal FAFSA process.
- ⚡ In addition to College Zone, the financial aid office is the best source for information about all federal, state, institutional and private financial aid programs.
- ⚡ Your college may be required to verify your financial situation, and as a result, may ask you to supply additional information (e.g., federal tax return forms).
- ⚡ Try not to rule out any colleges because of cost. Check out the financial aid packages. More expensive colleges may offer more financial aid through institutional funding, making their cost comparable to a less expensive school.
- ⚡ All Web sites listed on the Checklist are accessible through collegezone.com.

When You Receive a Scholarship:

- ⚡ Make sure you understand the conditions of the scholarship. Know what you are accepting and agreeing to do!
- ⚡ Report any private scholarships you are/will be receiving to the financial aid office.

If You Need A Loan:

- ⚡ Follow procedures outlined by the financial aid office when applying for a student or parent loan.
- ⚡ Make sure you understand all the loan terms and how it will be repaid before you take out the loan.

FAFSA: Free Application for Federal Student Aid
All students must file this application to be considered for federal financial aid programs, the Monetary Award Program (MAP), Silas Purnell Illinois Incentive for Access (IIA) Program and federal student loans.
College Awareness & Preparation (CAP)
Check with your high school counselor or go to collegezone.com for information and a listing of FAFSA Workshops and/or CAP events in your community.

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Leadership

- Treasurer of Senior class
- FBLA-President Senior year
- Key Club-President Senior year

Activities

- Key Club member- Freshman through Senior-48 hours community service
- Illini Girls State- Junior year- elected County Treasurer
- Illini Girls State Alumni Association
- Illini Girls State presentation-Phillip Hartzell Post 74-October 2008
- ICTM competing math team- Freshman through Senior
- Math League Contests-Junior through Senior
- Spanish/International Club-Freshman through Senior
- JWCC Business contest-Accounting I test-Junior through Senior
- Primary Wing Aide-Freshman year
- Spanish Mentor-Junior through Senior
- Bible Study-Freshman through Sophomore
- Blue Crew/Stampede-Freshman through Senior
- St. Louis Cardinal Business Day- explore business activities-Senior year
- High School Dance Team-Sophomore year
- Homecoming Float committee-Freshman through Senior
- Prom committee-Junior year
- Choreographed School Musical-Sophomore year

Honors/Awards

- National Honor Society-Sophomore through Senior
- High Honors-Freshman through Senior
- Class Good Citizen-Sophomore year
- US Achievement Academy for business- selected by business teacher-Junior year
- Chosen for advisory group to revise school handbook-Junior year
- Nominated as finalist for Hancock County Leader of the 21st Century-Senior year
- Illinois State Scholar

Church Activities

- Member of Carthage United Methodist Church
- United Methodist Church Youth Group
- Lock In Retreat-United Methodist Church Youth Group

Community Activities

- Courageous Smiles Track Meet-Sophomore through Senior
- Trick or Treat for UNICEF-Freshman through Senior
- Clean up environment around community
- Attended Kiwanis Club meeting
- Painted windows around the community for homecoming
- Painted football and baseball bleachers
- Visited and helped make out Valentine cards with the elderly at the nursing home

Other Activities

- Larye's School of Dance/Raeann School of Dance-Age 5 to present
- Kids In Motion Dance Company-Age 7 to age 17

Work Experience

- Raeann School of Dance-Dance Instructor 2004-present
- Ayerco-Stock cooler-2005-present- 7 days/week, 365 days/year

Career Focus

- Job Shadowed Accounting Department at Carthage Veterinary Service and Professional Swine Management-All aspects of Accounting-Spring 2008
- Job Shadowed Hancock County Treasurer, Kris Pilkington, and attended county financial meeting- Summer 2008
- Offered part time co-op position between County Treasurer and County Assessor's office but chose to continue with my college preparatory classes
- Intro to Public Speaking class at Carl Sandburg College- Summer 2008

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Objective: To obtain a Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree from Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville, Illinois. I would like to specialize in women's health and obstetrics.

Activities

Volleyball – 2 years
Basketball – 2 years
Band – 4 years
FBLA – 3 years
Student Council – 2 years
Class Secretary – 2 years
Natural Helpers (student mentoring program) – 2 years
National Honor Society – 2 years
Key Club – 1 year
SADD (students against destructive decisions) – 1 year
Girl Scouts – 5 years
Piano lessons – 6 years

Volunteer Activities

Trick or Treat for UNICEF
Red Ribbon Week
Red Cross Blood Drives
Cystic Fibrosis Walk
Muscular Dystrophy Walk
Homecoming Dance and Parade Committees
Helped nursing home residents write valentines

Awards

High Honors/Honor Roll – 4 years
Placed at state competitions for FBLA in Business Communications – 2 years
Perfect Attendance/Near Perfect Attendance
Math Award
Citizenship Award – In recognition for promoting the rights and responsibilities of others and demonstrating responsible and knowledgeable citizenship

Work Experience

Waitressed at Hotel Nauvoo – 2 years

Babysitting – 5 years

Lawn Mowing – 4 years

Career Focus

Job shadowed at Memorial Hospital in Carthage, Illinois – Sophomore and Junior year

Job shadowed at Hancock County Nursing Home – Senior year

Working toward Certified Nurse Assistant certificate (CNA) – Completion May 2009

Assist CNA's every Friday at Hancock County Nursing Home for clinical portion of CNA class

Dual Credit College Classes taken during high school – English Comp I, English Comp II, Psychology, Sociology, Medical Terminology, Health Occupations

Personal Information

Currently ranked out of seniors

Cumulative GPA –

ACT score -