



100 CLUB OF ILLINOIS

EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM





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Eligibility Requirements

ASSOCIATE & UNDERGRADUATE ASSISTANCE

- ✔ Be the biological, adopted, or stepchild of a 100 Club Hero*
- ✔ Have been dependent upon that Hero at the time of LODD
- ✔ Be between 16 and 23 years of age at the time of first annual application
- ✔ Have earned a High School Diploma or GED
- ✔ Be enrolled in an officially accredited institution as a full-time student as defined by the institution
- ✔ Must maintain a GPA of 2.0 or higher per term and cumulatively



GRADUATE ASSISTANCE



- Be the biological, adopted, or stepchild of a 100 Club Hero* ✔
- Have been dependent upon that Hero at the time of LODD ✔
- Be under 30 years of age at the time of first annual application ✔
- Be enrolled in an officially accredited institution as a full-time student as defined by the institution ✔
- Must maintain a GPA of 2.0 or higher per term and cumulatively ✔

**A 100 Club Hero is defined as a first responder who we have declared eligible as a Line of Duty Death (LODD)*



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Grant Guidelines

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- ✔ Each scholar must submit an application for educational assistance at the time of the initial application, annually at the beginning of every academic calendar year, and/or when the following changes occur within an academic year at minimum two weeks prior to the tuition deadline:
 - Study or program
 - Address
 - Transferring to another institution
- ✔ Each scholar will be required to submit supporting documentation along with each application. In addition, these forms and documents must also be submitted for each term in order to be considered eligible for grant funding:
 - Acceptance Letter (with initial application or due to transfer)
 - Goals Worksheet submitted prior to any given term
 - Goals Assessment submitted after completion of any given term
 - Completed Financial Aid Form by the Financial Aid or Bursar's Office at enrolled institution
 - Detailed tuition statement, must show breakdown of charges and fees as well as other scholarships and grants applied to scholar's account (per term)
 - Additional receipts will be reviewed on a case by case basis for textbooks, rent/housing, utilities, and other academic materials and needs.
 - Unofficial or Official Transcript with schedule and GPA
- ✔ In addition to the above documentation, each scholar must also show detailed proof of approval with award amount or denial from ISAC, PSOB/PSOEA, and any other grants, stipends, or scholarships being awarded such as the Chicago Police Memorial Fund, Chicago Fire Department Gold Badge Society, etc. Please note in your application if you are not eligible for ISAC and/or PSOB/PSOEA. See the Scholar Portal or their individual websites for eligibility. If funding status is adjusted throughout the academic year, appropriate documents of proof must be submitted.



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GRANT AWARDS

- ✔ For associate and undergraduate degrees, each scholar is eligible to receive up to \$10,000 in financial assistance from the 100 Club of Illinois per term. Additional requests will be reviewed on a case by case basis. Scholars can receive up to a maximum payout of \$100,000 towards the entirety of their tuition.
- ✔ For graduate degrees, each scholar is eligible to receive up to \$10,000 in financial assistance from the 100 Club of Illinois per term. Additional requests will be reviewed on a case by case basis. Scholars can receive up to a maximum payout of \$50,000 towards the entirety of their tuition.
- ✔ Requests for grant funding will be allowed throughout the academic year. Any late reimbursement requests will not be approved.

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Spouses

Spouses of 100 Club Heroes are accepted into the Educational Assistance Scholar program on a case by case basis through written request. All eligibility and grant guideline requirements apply to spouses (except age requirement).





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University Partners

The 100 Club of Illinois has a select list of University Partners who provide scholarships for our 100 Club Scholars each year. With this partnership, we strive to cover 100% of the tuition balance each term. University Partners provide more than \$500,000 of assistance to 100 Club Scholars obtaining their higher education goals. We thank them for their support of our Educational Assistance Program!

Benedictine University
College of Lake County
Columbia College Chicago
DePaul University
Dominican University
Drake University
Elmhurst College
Illinois Institute of Technology
Indiana Tech University
John Marshall Law School
Judson University
Kent College of Law
Lewis University
Loras College
Loyola University Chicago
Northeastern Illinois University
Northwestern University
Robert Morris University
Roosevelt University
St. Xavier University
UAB School of Health Professions
University of Illinois – Champaign
University of Illinois – Springfield
Valparaiso University



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Scholar Checklist

PRIOR TO APPLYING FOR EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE:

- ☐ Apply for [FAFSA](#).
- ☐ Check eligibility and apply for [PSOEA](#) and [ISAC](#) funding if you've not already done so.
- ☐ Apply for additional scholarship and grant opportunities. In the 100 Club Scholar Portal, we have a list of options for you to review and consider.
- ☐ Make sure you can access the 100 Club Scholar Portal. If you need help accessing your account, please contact us.
 - ☐ Through the website: Visit 100clubil.org and hover over "Survivors" on the main menu, then select "Portal". Log-in with your credentials. It will take you to the main page where you can then select "Scholar Portal".
 - ☐ Through the app: Download or go to the "100 Club of Illinois" app on your device. Make sure you are logged in with the same credentials as the web version. Click on "Scholar Portal".
- ☐ Review eligibility requirements and grant guidelines for 100 Club Educational Assistance in the 100 Club Scholar Portal.

HOW TO APPLY FOR EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE:

- ☐ Log in to the 100 Club Portal through the website or app.
- ☐ Click the button "Apply for Assistance" and complete the form in it's entirety. Upload as many documents as you have available to you at that time.

DOCUMENTS NEEDED TO APPLY:

NEW SCHOLARS:

- ☐ Detailed tuition statement for requesting term
- ☐ Acceptance letter from officially accredited institution
- ☐ Financial Aid Form completed by Financial Aid Office
- ☐ Copy of course schedule to confirm full-time status
- ☐ Additional receipts for materials, utilities, rent, etc. to be assessed for eligibility
- ☐ Completed Educational Assistance application and Goals Worksheet
- ☐ Detailed proof of approval with award amount or denial from ISAC, PSOB/PSOEA, and any other grants, stipends, or scholarships being awarded

CURRENT SCHOLARS:

- ☐ Detailed tuition statement for requesting term
- ☐ Official or unofficial transcript with GPA stated
- ☐ Financial Aid Form completed by Financial Aid Office
- ☐ Copy of course schedule to confirm full-time status
- ☐ Additional receipts for materials, utilities, rent, etc. to be assessed for eligibility
- ☐ Completed Educational Assistance application and Goals Worksheet
- ☐ Detailed proof of approval with award amount or denial from ISAC, PSOB/PSOEA, and any other grants, stipends, or scholarships being awarded

- ☐ Send the "Financial Aid Form" found in the 100 Club Scholar Portal to your financial aid office to complete electronically and return back to you and/or the 100 Club.
- ☐ E-mail any additional documents to Meg Krase, mkrase@100clubil.org, after submission.
- ☐ Once all documents and forms have been received, we will review your application and determine eligibility and confirm scholarship amount.



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Q&A

Q: Who is responsible for applying for Educational Assistance?

A: It is the responsibility of the receiving scholar to complete the Educational Assistance application. Parents are not responsible and should not complete the application on the scholar's behalf.

Q: How long will it take to receive payment?

A: This completely depends on the scholar's ability to: complete all documentation in a timely manner, prompt communication, when the tuition bill is due, and the time period in which the application is submitted. Fall and spring applications are our busiest processing periods. The 100 Club strives to have a turnaround period of 2-3 weeks, if not sooner.

Q: What if I haven't applied for PSOE or ISAC? Am I still allowed to apply?

A: Yes, we still encourage you to apply for 100 Club Educational Assistance but we will need to have a conversation around why you have not yet applied for PSOE or ISAC and if you are eligible, we will ask you to apply as their approval processes do take time.

Q: What if I don't meet certain eligibility requirements?

A: If for example, you are not enrolled full-time, or you do not have a 2.0 GPA as a current scholar, you will get placed on a probationary period and will not be eligible for assistance for that term. If the following term, you are able to increase your GPA or re-enroll full-time, you are eligible to re-apply.

Q: What are the parameters of probation?

A: If you are placed on probation, you are unable to receive financial support towards your academic career for that specific term. If after that term ends, and your GPA still has not improved, or you are unable to enroll full-time, you will remain on probation until you increase your GPA. If you are able to meet the eligibility requirements after one term of probation, you can re-apply.

Q: How much financial assistance am I eligible for?

A: The 100 Club of Illinois will provide financial assistance for the entirety of the scholar's undergraduate tuition as well as the scholar's graduate school tuition. We also cover tuition for eligible vocational and trade school programs. The financial amount provided is dependent on other scholarships and grants, which will be applied first to the total on your statement. After all earned financial assistance is applied, we will provide up to \$10,000 per term. For an associate's and undergraduate degree, the maximum total payout is \$100,000. After that has been met, the scholar is no longer eligible for further assistance unless attending graduate school. Graduate school is also up to \$10,000 per term with a total maximum payout of \$50,000. The 100 Club of Illinois has the right to change these guidelines at any time.

Q: I'm a brand new scholar applying for assistance, where do I begin?

A: First, contact the 100 Club to let us know your enrollment status and plans. From there, we can set-up your scholar portal account, and provide you with the needed information to apply for educational assistance.

*Other questions? Visit the Scholar Portal or contact
Meg Krase mkrase@100clubil.org or 847-727-6503 for assistance.*