

Illinois Valley Economic Development Corporation Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) ***Scholarship Application***

For your application to be considered, these guidelines apply:

1. You must be income-eligible according to current poverty income guidelines (copy of current guidelines attached). Before proceeding with the application, please review the guidelines to determine income eligibility.
2. You must be a resident of one of the four (4) counties served by Illinois Valley Economic Development Corporation (Calhoun, Greene, Jersey, and Macoupin).

Instructions

1. Complete the Scholarship Application.
2. Set up a CSBG Appointment with your local outreach office to determine CSBG Eligibility.

Calhoun County
618.576.2218

Greene County
217.942.6824

Jersey County
618.498.9521

Macoupin County
217.839.4431

3. For your CSBG Appointment you will need the following documentation:
 - **Social Security Cards for the entire household**
 - **State ID/Driver's License for everyone over 18 years of age**
 - **Proof of 30-day gross income for anyone in the household 18 years and older**
 - **High School Transcripts, College Transcript or GED Certificate**
 - **Acceptance Letter**

Personal Data

1. _____
(First Name) (Last Name)
2. _____
(Address)
- _____
- (City) (State) (Zip)
3. _____
(Home Phone) (Cell Phone)
4. Marital Status: (circle one) Single Married Separated Divorced Widowed
4. Date of Birth: ____/____/____ 6. Gender: (circle one) M F
7. Race: (circle all that apply)
- American Indian or Alaska Native Asian Black or African American
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander White Other (specify) _____
8. Ethnicity: (circle one) Hispanic Non-Hispanic Other (specify) _____
9. Disabled: (circle one) Yes No 10. Veteran: (circle one) Yes No
10. Email address: _____
8. Number of People in Household: _____
9. Household Type: (circle one)
- Single Single Parent Two Adults No Children Two Parent Family
- Two or More Adults with Children Foster Parents
- Three or More Adults No Children Non-Parent Adult(s) with Children
- Other: (Specify) _____
10. Housing Status: (circle one)
- Group Home Homeless Owner Renter Shelter Subsidized

11. Household Income:

30 DAYS GROSS INCOME STATEMENT

CLIENT NAME (ANYONE IN HOUSEHOLD 18 & OLDER)									
INCOME SOURCE									
JANUARY									
FEBRUARY									
MARCH									
APRIL									
MAY									
JUNE									
JULY									
AUGUST									
SEPTEMBER									
OCTOBER									
NOVEMBER									
DECEMBER									COMBINED INCOME TOTAL
30 DAY TOTAL									

Future School Information

1. _____
(School Name)

Address

City State Zip
2. State where you will attend: _____
3. Intended Major: _____
4. Do you have an Acceptance Letter to School/Program? (circle one) Yes No

If the answer to the above question is yes- please attach a copy of your Acceptance Letter
5. Circle One: Remote In-person Hybrid
6. Circle One: Full-time Part-time
7. Educational Institution Type: (circle one)

College/University Trade School Certification Program

Educational Information

1. Expected Graduation Date: _____
2. GPA: (of most recent school) _____
3. High School Graduation or GED completion date: _____
4. Transcript: Attach either a High School or College transcript. (The Official Transcript is not required.)

Community Involvement

Do you have any prior Community Involvement? (circle one)

Yes

No

If you answered yes to the above question, please specify.

Examples may include Animal Shelters, Blood Drives, Charity Events, Community Projects, Donations, Food Banks, Fundraising, Health & Safety Awareness, Parades, Public Speaking, School Activities, Senior Activities, Summer Youth Programs, Tutoring, Volunteering, Youth Activities or Youth Sports

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

Community Service- Focused Essay Questions

Please choose from one of the three Essay Questions below and write a brief narrative (250-500 words) describing your future relating to your educational goals.

Information provided in this narrative will be used in the evaluation of this application.

1. Describing your future and educational goals. Explain what you want to study, why you chose this field, and how your career could support programs or services that help the community.
2. Describe a service, or organization that inspires you. How do your future career goals connect to this type of work, and how could you contribute to helping others through your chosen field?
3. Imagine yourself ten years from now. Describe your career, the kind of work you are doing, and how your efforts are helping strengthen and support services in your community.

Acknowledgments

Please initial each acknowledgement below.

_____ I certify the information contained in this application is accurate and a complete disclosure of the requested information.

_____ I hereby acknowledge that the information relating to the determination of my eligibility requires verification and I authorize others to release such information as may be required for the determination of my eligibility for this scholarship.

_____ I permit the agency to share my information with media.

_____ I understand that I may be contacted for additional documentation.

Client Signature

Date

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- Completed CSBG Application (***this is different than this Scholarship Application***)

**2026 POVERTY INCOME GUIDELINES FOR ALL STATES
EXCEPT ALASKA AND HAWAII**

Family Size	100% of Poverty	100% 30 Day	200% of Poverty	200% 30 Day
1	\$15,960	\$1,330	\$31,920	\$2,660
2	\$21,640	\$1,803	\$43,280	\$3,607
3	\$27,320	\$2,277	\$54,640	\$4,553
4	\$33,000	\$2,750	\$66,000	\$5,500
5	\$38,680	\$3,223	\$77,360	\$6,447
6	\$44,360	\$3,697	\$88,720	\$7,393
7	\$50,040	\$4,170	\$100,080	\$8,340
8	\$55,720	\$4,643	\$111,440	\$9,287

For family units with more than 8 members, add \$5,680.00 for each additional member to arrive at yearly amounts for 100%. At 200% yearly amounts are increased by \$11,360.00 for each additional member.