



2018-2019 Scholarship Application
Greater East St. Louis Community Fund
DEADLINE TO SUBMIT DOCUMENTS IS APRIL 13, 2018

Current Date:

Section A: The Applicant

Last Name: <input type="text"/>	First Name: <input type="text"/>	Middle Initial: <input type="text"/>	
Permanent Mailing Address: <input type="text"/>	City: <input type="text"/>	State: <input type="text"/>	Zip Code: <input type="text"/>

Date of Birth: <input type="text"/>	Age: <input type="text"/>	Sex: <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F	U.S. Citizen: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Email Address: <input type="text"/>	Permanent Telephone Number: <input type="text"/>	Cell Phone Number: <input type="text"/>	A recent photo must be attached or emailed in JPEG format. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Name of High School Attended: <input type="text"/>	City: <input type="text"/>	State: <input type="text"/>	Date of Expected High School Graduation or GED <input type="text"/>
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Section B: Parental/Guardian Information

Mother's Name: <input type="text"/>	Home Phone: <input type="text"/>	Employer: <input type="text"/>	Job Title: <input type="text"/>	Work Phone: <input type="text"/>
Father's Name: <input type="text"/>	Home Phone: <input type="text"/>	Employer: <input type="text"/>	Job Title: <input type="text"/>	Work Phone: <input type="text"/>
Legal Guardian's Name: <input type="text"/>	Home Phone: <input type="text"/>	Employer: <input type="text"/>	Job Title: <input type="text"/>	Work Phone: <input type="text"/>

Living arrangements during the upcoming academic year: Parents Own Home Dorm Apartment Relatives

Describe how you have overcome special circumstances to meet your educational goals. This may include physical conditions, disability, or family instability. Use additional paper if necessary.

Section C: Post High School Plans

What college do you plan to attend in the Fall 2018? If undecided, list your top two choices to which you have applied. You must submit a copy of your acceptance letter before final scholarship consideration is given.

Name of College	Address, City & State	Accepted by Institution
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown

Anticipated College Graduation Date: <input type="text"/>	Are you an applicant for financial aid at the college you plan to attend? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If no, attach a note explaining why.	Degree Field Being Pursued: <input type="text"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Associate <input type="checkbox"/> Bachelors <input type="checkbox"/> Masters <input type="checkbox"/> PhD
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Section D: Other Information

How did you learn about this scholarship?

List two local persons who are not related to you who will know your address after you leave school and are authorized to disclose it to us.

Name: <input type="text"/>	Name: <input type="text"/>
Address: <input type="text"/>	Address: <input type="text"/>
City/State/Zip: <input type="text"/>	City/State/Zip: <input type="text"/>
Email: <input type="text"/>	Email: <input type="text"/>
Phone Number: <input type="text"/>	Phone Number: <input type="text"/>

Have you ever been a participant or volunteered in the Greater East St. Louis Youth Project?

Yes No

Section E: Personnel Essay

Describe your professional and personal goals.

All communities have opportunities for improvement. Choose one of the three areas listed below and respond to the following questions.

Improvement Areas: 1. How would you reduce Youth Violence 2. How would you improve Reading levels of young children? and 3. How would you keep Youth from Dropping out of School

Which question have you chosen? : Answer the following 3 questions.

1. What is your understanding of the improvements needed in the area you selected as it relates to the East St. Louis community? (If you do not type on this form, attached a separate sheet with the question at the top and answer below)

2. What do you think the East St. Louis community should do about the improvement area you selected and why? (If you do not type on this form, attached a separate sheet with the question at the top and answer below)

3. Research innovative ways other communities have taken to solve the area you selected. Summarize what you found and how it can be applied in the East St. Louis community. (If you do not type on this form, attached a separate sheet with the question at the top and answer below)

Section F: Supportive Documents

Two personal letters of reference must be submitted for your application to be complete. Provide the attached reference letter form to the individuals who will be providing references for you. These letters must also be submitted by April 13, 2018. Documents must be received per the deadline.

Are the two letters of references electronically attached? Yes No

If no, did you mail a copy of the documents to the Greater East St. Louis Community Fund office?
 Yes No

What is the anticipated arrival date of the documents? It must be received by April 13, 2018.

Electronically attach a copy of a current utility bill which verifies your East St. Louis residency.

Is the utility bill electronically attached with this document? Yes No

If no, have you mailed a copy of the utility bill to the Greater East St. Louis Community Fund office?
 Yes No

What is the anticipated arrival date of the documents in the office?
All documents must be received by April 13, 2018.

Electronically attach a copy of your 2018-2019 FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) application.

Is the FAFSA document electronically attached to this application? Yes No

If no, has the FAFSA document been mailed to the Greater East St. Louis Community Fund office?
 Yes No

What is the anticipated arrival date of the FAFSA document in the office?
It must be received by April 13, 2018.

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATIONS

I authorize The Greater East St. Louis Community Fund and its agents to examine, verify and discuss my academic and/or financial records and other information which applies to me. I also understand that an unsigned or incomplete application will make me ineligible for consideration for an award.

Student's Signature: Date:

Your electronic signature is your valid signature.

I certify to The Greater East St. Louis Community Fund that all information here is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and that I understand that the Committee makes the decision regarding my participation in this program, in reliance upon the truth and correctness of the information I provide.

Student's Signature: Date:

Your electronic signature is your valid signature.

I hereby consent to the participation in interviews, use of quotes, and the taking of photographs, movies or video tape of myself. I also grant to the Greater East St. Louis Community Fund, the right to edit, use, and reuse said products for nonprofit purposes including use in print, on the internet, and all other forms of media. I also hereby release the Greater East St. Louis Community Fund and its agents and employees from all claims, demands and liabilities whatsoever in connection with the above.

Student's Signature: Date:

Your electronic signature is your valid signature.

Parent's Signature Date:
(If student is under 18) Your electronic signature is your valid signature.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS IS APRIL 13, 2018.

SEND ALL INFORMATION TO:
GREATER EAST ST. LOUIS COMMUNITY FUND
P.O. Box 547
EAST ST. LOUIS, IL 62202
For questions call (618) 271-2200
or
E-mail: scholarships@greaterestlfund.org





Greater East St. Louis Community Fund 2018-2019 Scholarship Instructions



The Greater East St. Louis Community Fund is offering scholarships for up to 4 years of college study to eligible residents of East St. Louis and Brooklyn, Ill. To be eligible, you must not only be a resident of East St. Louis or Brooklyn, Illinois, but you must also:

- Have a high school GPA of 2.5 or greater;
- Complete the application and submit all required documents to the Fund’s office by the April 13, 2018 deadline;
- Be accepted by an accredited college or university; (2 year institutions will not be considered during 2018-2019);
- Be approved by the Board of Directors: Greater East St. Louis Community Fund;
- Maintain eligibility requirements each year while in school for subsequent scholarship disbursements.

All freshmen who are eligible and are approved will receive a \$1,000 scholarship. Students are eligible to receive higher scholarship awards if they stay in college and maintain the required GPA. There is a required GPA of 2.5 to stay in the program beyond the freshman year. A student with a 3.0 GPA or higher, may receive a higher scholarship award of up to a maximum of \$4,000.00 after their freshman year and depending upon their school classification.

CHECK LIST FOR YOUR APPLICATION:

- Complete & Sign Application Form
- Send a recent photo of yourself
- Complete Essays
- Have your school send our office an “official high school transcript”
- Include your Acceptance letter (on school letterhead) from the institution you plan to attend
- Send Two (2) Letters of Recommendations from two adults who know you such as a teacher, employer
- Include a copy of your Current Utility Bill from within the last 3 months showing your residency
- Send a Complete Copy of your 2018-19 FAFSA Application Report after it has been processed (Free Application For Federal Student Aid)

2 LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Name two (2) individuals who will provide a reference. Individuals cannot be a parent or related to you. Please attach their reference letters to this application.

1. _____

2. _____

TRANSCRIPT

An official transcript from your high school must be mailed from your school and be received in the office by the April 13, 2018 deadline.

ESSAY QUESTIONS

The essay questions are an important portion of the application. Share your information with the Committee in order for them to learn more about you. Essay questions are on the application. The appearance of your essay is also rated.

WHEN WILL YOU KNOW?

The Scholarship Committee will begin their review of the submitted applications shortly after the deadline. Decisions will be announced in writing in July 2018. Send completed applications to:

Greater East St. Louis Community Fund

P.O. Box 547

East St. Louis, Illinois 62202

Email completed forms to: www.scholarships@greaterestfund.org

Phone: (618) 271-2200

All application materials can be downloaded from the Fund’s website: www.estlfund.org