

## Bridging the Gap to Higher Education

Higher education is a powerful tool for breaking the cycle of poverty and unlocking a brighter future. However, for many low-income residents of suburban Cook County, the rising cost of tuition makes pursuing a degree seem impossible. Balancing educational aspirations with the financial realities of supporting a family leaves many students unable to access the opportunities they need to succeed.

The CEDA Scholarship Program is here to change that. With financial awards of up to \$5,000 per student, this program helps low-income individuals achieve their academic goals without the burden of excessive debt. Designed for students attending accredited colleges and universities in Illinois, this scholarship empowers recipients to focus on their studies and build a foundation for long-term success.

### **Program Benefits**

- Substantial Financial Support: Awards of up to \$5,000 per recipient to help cover tuition and fees for the fall 2025 term.
- Focused Assistance: Available exclusively for students attending accredited Illinois colleges and universities.
- Targeted Equity: Prioritizing underrepresented groups and non-traditional students, including working adults.
- Empowered Futures: Removing financial barriers to allow students to focus on academic and career success.

Our program provides financial support for students pursuing higher education, allowing them to stay engaged in learning and personal growth without the weight of financial obstacles.

### How to Apply

The application process for the 2025 CSBG Scholarship Program will begin on April 11, 2025. Applications and detailed instructions will be available online at cedaorg.net and must be submitted by June 20, 2025, at 5:00 PM.

# **Contact Us Today**

For questions or assistance with the CSBG Scholarship application, call our Education & Training Helpline at (312) 259-4237 or email csbgscholarship@cedaorg.net.

This program proudly serves residents of suburban Cook County.

www.cedaorg.net



# Invest in your future with financial support for college—apply us today!

### **Eligibility Requirements**

- Must be a resident of suburban Cook County.
- Household income must be at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL).
- Provide proof of identity, such as a valid government-issued photo ID.
- Submit a completed CSBG Scholarship application.
- Be enrolled in an Illinois college or university for a bachelor's or master's degree program by September 15, 2025.

| Household<br>Size | Max. 30-day<br>Income | Max Annual<br>Income |
|-------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 1                 | \$2,608               | \$31,300             |
| 2                 | \$3,525               | \$42,300             |
| 3                 | \$4,442               | \$53,300             |
| 4                 | \$5,358               | \$64,300             |
| 5                 | \$6,275               | \$75,300             |
| 6                 | \$7,192               | \$86,300             |
| 7                 | \$8,108               | \$97,300             |
| 8                 | \$9,025               | \$108,300            |

### **How To Apply**

- Download the 2025 CSBG Scholarship application from cedaorg.net.
- Submit the completed application and all required documents by mail or hand delivery no later than June 20, 2025, at 5:00 PM to:

CEDA of Cook County, Inc. ATTN: 2025 CSBG Scholarship Program 53 E. 154th St. Harvey, IL 60426

 Important: Applications received after June 20, 2025, at 5:00 PM will NOT be accepted.

#### Learn More

Suburban Cook County Residents: csbgscholarship@cedaorg.net

City of Chicago Residents: DFSScsbgscholarship@cityofchicago.org



Family Support and Community Engagement

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