



**Western Egyptian
Economic Opportunity Council, Inc.**

**PAULETTE M. HAMLIN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
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Date: January 23, 2025

To: School Counselors, Service Agencies,
and Other Interested Individuals

**Please distribute*

From: Paulette M. Hamlin
Executive Director

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paulette M. Hamlin', written over the printed name.

Re: Scholarship Grants

Western Egyptian EOC, through funding from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO), has scholarships available for high school graduates desiring to further their educational training at an Illinois college or university, community college, or vocational school. Four (4) scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each will be offered. Applicants must reside in Monroe, Perry or Randolph County. The scholarship will be applied toward tuition and fees; textbooks and supplies; or room and board.

Interested applicants should thoroughly read the enclosed informational sheet, follow all required application procedures, and submit the application no later than Friday, March 28, 2025 to one of our county outreach offices listed on the enclosed information sheet. Please note that an acceptance letter from the educational or training institution, or your current schedule if enrolled in college, is required in order to be considered. Additional applications are available at the county outreach offices or at the agency's central office in Steeleville where applicants may also direct their questions regarding the scholarship and the application procedure.

Additional information may be required of applicants meeting the basic criteria.

Applications will be reviewed and candidates may be requested to participate in local personal interview/discussions. Award recipients will be selected by the Western Egyptian EOC board of directors and notified by mail no later than Tuesday, May 27, 2025.

We appreciate the opportunity to offer this scholarship program to the tri-county area and would appreciate your cooperation in encouraging potentially qualified individuals to apply.

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WEEOC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
“Information Sheet”

General Information

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Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must demonstrate evidence of the following eligibility criteria:

1. Resident of Monroe, Perry or Randolph County.
2. Member of an income eligible household according to the following income guidelines. *(proof required)*

2025 Income Guidelines for Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)
(currently at 200% until further notice)

Is my household income within 200% of federal poverty level? If your household’s combined income for the 30 days prior to application (gross income for all household members, before taxes are deducted) is at or below 200% of the federal poverty level as shown in the chart below, you may be eligible to receive assistance.

Family Size (total number in household)	30-Day Gross Income Total to Meet Eligibility
1	\$2,608
2	\$3,525
3	\$4,442
4	\$5,358
5	\$6,275
6	\$7,192

*For households larger than 6 members, please contact your county agency.

3. Possess a high school diploma or GED from an accredited institution evidences by most recent transcript. *(transcript required)*
4. Be accepted at an Illinois college or university, community college, or vocational school at least on a half-time basis. *(an acceptance letter from the training institution or current schedule if enrolled in college, is required to be considered)*

Applicants should submit a completed application to one of Western Egyptian’s offices as follows by Friday, March 24, 2025.

Monroe County	207 West Fourth (rear) Waterloo, IL 62298	phone 618-737-0101 fax 618-9391148
Perry County	317 South Washington DuQuion, IL 62832	phone 618-542-4656 fax 618-542-4656
Randolph County	1820 North Market Sparta, IL 62286	phone 618-443-5231 fax 618-443-5279
WEEOC Central Office	1 Industrial Park – PO Box 7 Steeleville, IL 62288	phone 618-965-3458 fax 618-965-9421

WESTERN EGYPTIAN SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

To complete your application, you must submit all required information utilizing the enclosed forms.

To be completed by applicant

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ County _____

Phone _____ Cell _____ E-Mail _____

Name of Illinois college or university, community college, or vocational school you will attend or are currently attending:

Date of Application _____ Date Accepted _____

Planned Major _____

Do you plan to enroll in an Illinois college or university, community college, or vocational school
 on a half time basis **OR** on a full time basis?

Will you commute **OR** live on campus?

What other scholarships have you applied for?

Are you currently receiving any scholarship aid or tuition assistance? *If yes, explain*

List any school or community activities, awards, organizations, clubs, office or honors you would like to bring to the scholarship committee's attention:

Do you plan to work while attending school? yes no

Career Goals

In the space provided, write a 100-200 word statement concerning your career goals and the reason(s) you are applying for this scholarship.

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School Statistics

To be completed by counselor, principal or other school official.

A. ACT Composite Score _____
SAT Composite Score _____
GED Test Score _____

B. Rank In Class

Rank _____ Class Size _____ Grade Point Average _____

C. Signature of School Official

Signature _____ Title _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Date _____

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Grade Point Average.....	3.5 – 4.0.....	5
<i>on a 0 to 4 scale</i>	2.5 – 3.4.....	4
	1.5 – 2.4.....	3

Social Security Cards

Attach copy of Social Security card for each person residing in household.

Card #1

Card #2

Card #3

Card #4

Card #5

Card #6

Transcript

Applicant must possess a high school diploma or GED from an accredited institution evidenced by most recent transcript.

- Attach transcript: High School transcript
 College transcript (*if currently enrolled in college*)

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Transcript submitted.....	5

Letter of Acceptance from Training Institution
OR Current Schedule *(if enrolled in college)*

Applicant must be accepted at an Illinois college or university, community college, or vocational school at least on a half-time basis.

- Attach: acceptance letter from training institution
 current schedule *(if enrolled in college)*

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Personal Letters of Recommendation

Applicants must provide three (3) letters of recommendation from individuals who are not related.

Completed letters must be returned to the Western Egyptian EOC office where scholarship application was obtained.

Three (3) sets are attached for completion and submission.

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3. Are there any significant limitations (physical, intellectual, and/or emotional) or extenuating circumstances regarding this individual that the committee should consider?

4. Are you aware of any financial difficulties that this individual's family might face in financing a college education?

Name _____ Position _____
Address _____ Phone _____
_____ E-Mail _____

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Personal Recommendation

Must Not Be Related To Applicant

If space provided is not adequate, please attach additional page.

Name of Applicant _____

1. How long have you known this individual and in what capacity?

2. Describe any knowledge you have of this individual's participation in civic affairs and their commitment to future career goals. Include accomplishments, awards, honors, or other significant information that you believe would be useful to the scholarship committee.

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4. Are you aware of any financial difficulties that this individual's family might face in financing a college education?

Name _____ Position _____

Address _____ Phone _____

_____ E-Mail _____