



2023-2024 Scholarship Application

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The Illinois Spina Bifida Association awards scholarships to adults with spina bifida residing in Illinois. The scholarships may be used for a range of post-high school adult education, including 2- and 4-year college programs, graduate school, online courses, technical or trade schools, or other continuing education opportunities. All grade and financial information submitted is confidential and only for use by the selection committee. Brief scholarship recipient profiles may be published by ISBA online.

The ISBA scholarship program is made possible in part by "A Helping Hand".

Application must be typed or printed legibly in dark ink. It is acceptable to submit this information on a separate page, as long as all applicable information is complete.

Name _____ Date of Birth (MM/DD/YY) _____

Address _____

City _____ State IL ZIP _____

Phone (_____) _____ Email _____

For those beginning post-high school studies, school you plan on attending:

Name: _____

Address, City, State: _____

Have you been accepted? ____ Have you talked with an academic counselor about your plans? ____

For previous post-high school studies, name of school, year(s) of study, degrees earned:

For post-high school studies currently in progress: School currently attending: _____

Credit hours completed to date _____ Cumulative GPA _____ Expected Graduation (MM/YY) _____

What will be the total cost of your education for the next school year? _____

How do you expect to finance your education? _____

What jobs, internships, or volunteer activities have you participated in during the past 12 months?

Organization Roles / Responsibilities Dates



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There are 3 types of scholarships you can apply for. Check which one(s) you are applying for:

_____ ISBA Scholarship _____ Patrick Juris Scholarship _____ Valiant Scholarship

Required Documents for All Applicants

- Transcripts of current or previous college study
- 2 personal statements, each 250-500 words:
 - Describe your accomplishments or contributions of which you are the most proud. These can be school, extracurricular, community, or ISBA activities.
 - Describe your career goals, and why you selected them.

Additional Documents for Patrick Juris & Valiant Scholarship Applicants

- Required personal statements of 250-500 words described below
- Letters of recommendation are suggested

The Illinois Spina Bifida Association is honored to award several special scholarships:

Patrick Juris Scholarship

The Patrick Juris Scholarship is a \$2,000 award for a student preparing for a field of service that helps others and can be used for undergraduate or graduate studies. Patrick Juris's legacy as a friend, leader, and advocate will be remembered for years to come. To learn more about Patrick, visit www.patrickjurisscholarshipfund.org.

Required Personal Statement: How do you plan on advocating for others in need?

Valiant Scholarship

The Valiant Scholarship is \$2,000 for a student who displays outstanding leadership, goodwill toward those less fortunate, and a dedication to making a difference. The scholarship is named after the late Bill Valiant, who with his wife Bonnie was instrumental in leading and growing ISBA for more than 25 years.

Required Personal Statement (address both points):

1. How can you impact the future of younger children with spina bifida?
2. How have you displayed leadership, impacted the less fortunate, and made a difference?

Helping Hand Scholarships & Mary Mayer Scholarship

These scholarships are \$1,000 each and require no additional application material.

Mary Mayer was a fiercely independent individual with spina bifida. She fought for social justice and the rights of people with disabilities. She served as an advocate by example, and by providing useful and accurate information to assist others with educational, social, and financial resources.

Deadline extension: July 21. Submit via email info@i-sba.org or mail with a July 21 postmark to: Illinois Spina Bifida Association, 2211 N Oak Park Ave, Chicago, IL 60707.

- Scholarship checks will be issued in August and December 2023, depending on fund availability.
- Activity with ISBA as a volunteer, program participant, or fundraiser is a consideration for general ISBA scholarships. For more info, contact 773-444-0305 or info@i-sba.org. Priority given to applicants who meet the original July 14 deadline. Transcripts may be unofficial.