



CASI National Scholarship Program Policy

Purpose: To increase CASI profile as a charitable organization by providing educational opportunities beyond high school to students to produce productive members of society.

General Guidelines: Permissible uses of funds include payment of tuition and fees required for books, supplies and/or equipment required for courses of instruction. The recipient may attend a recognizable institution of higher learning, including certified/accredited trade/technical.

Funding: Funding for this program comes from proceeds on Scholarship Day (held on Friday at TICC) and from donations.

Applicants: The applicant will be chosen based on the following criteria: grades, leadership, community involvement, school activities, letter of reference and essay.

The applicant must attach to the application:

1. One letter of reference testifying to his/her talents, leadership, and seriousness of purpose (limited 250 words).
2. An essay written by the applicant about themselves and their future goals (limited 250 words).
3. An official transcript of Junior and Senior years (on one page).
4. A copy of ACT or SAT score report (can be on page with transcript). This is not needed for trade/technical school or college students applying.

Scholarship Recipients Responsibilities

The Recipients must obtain at least a 2.5 cumulative grade point average on a 4.0 scale and carry a minimum of 12 hours or be considered by the registrar to be a full-time student. **It is the student's responsibility to get their grades to the Scholarship Coordinator.**

Note: if recipient's cumulative GPA falls below 2.5 the recipient will be placed on probation for one year. If probationary issues are not corrected with the following year, the remaining scholarship funds allotted to the recipient will be forfeited.

If the recipient fails to register as a full-time student for the semester (12.5 hours or what is considered full-time by the school) then funds will be forfeited that semester. They will have a probationary period of one year to return as a full-time student. At the end of the year if they have not corrected the probationary issues all funds allotted to the recipient will be forfeited. **Exception to the rule:** if the recipient is in the last semester before completing degree, then recipient will be considered full-time, if recipient takes enough hours to graduate at end of the semester.

Academic school recipients will receive scholarship monies at the rate of \$500 per semester. **Recipients will prove grade and enrollment requirements by submitting a copy of their Fall and Spring semester grades to the Program Administrator no later than the second week of June. If no grades are received, then no check will be mailed for that period.** Academic scholarships are for a maximum of five (5) years (\$4000 total) beginning the fall after the granting of the scholarship. This time adjustment will allow for the students who have received financial aid elsewhere during the school year and do not need the CASI scholarship for one (1) or two (2) semesters. It will also allow for students who are placed on probation for one (1) year to complete their scholarship.

It is the responsibility of the recipient to notify the Program Administrator of any changes of contact information (address, email, phone, etc.), notification of registering as part-time, change of school or when dropping out of school.

Trade/technical school scholarships will be dispersed at the rate of \$1000 for 1-6 months of instruction and \$2000 for 6+ months of instruction. Trade/technical school scholarships are for a maximum of two (2) years (\$2000).