



The EIU4 Scholarship 2012-13

The EIU4 Scholarship Fund consists of four \$1000 scholarships (\$500 per semester) available to new freshmen who are eligible for the EIU4 Program at Eastern Illinois University. The EIU4 Scholarship is applicable to any educational expense (tuition, fees, room and board, etc.) at Eastern Illinois University.

Initial Eligibility

To be eligible for the EIU4 Scholarship, applicants must meet all three of the following requirements:

1. Applicants must be admitted to EIU starting Fall 2012.
2. Applicants must be eligible for EIU4, Eastern's four-year graduation guarantee program.

Regularly admitted, new full-time freshmen are eligible for EIU4. All majors at EIU *with the exception of ALL teacher certification programs, all Bachelor of Fine Arts programs, the engineering cooperative, the nursing cooperative, clinical laboratory science, athletic training, and environmental biology* are eligible under EIU4.

Students who are unable to complete $\frac{1}{4}$ of their course requirements in one academic year because of deficiencies in high school course work or ACT scores are not eligible for EIU4. While undeclared students are initially eligible for EIU4, students must have declared an eligible major by May 1, 2012 to be considered for the scholarship.

3. Applicants must have a cumulative high school GPA of at least 3.00 out of 4.00 to qualify for the scholarship.

Continuing Eligibility

Scholarship recipients must remain eligible for the EIU4 Program for the duration of the scholarship period by adhering to the requirements of the program. The requirements of the EIU4 Program are available online at www.eiu.edu/eiufour/studentresponsibilities.php.

Scholarship Decisions

All applicants must meet the "Initial Eligibility" requirements described above. Scholarship decisions subsequently will be based on (1) the quality of the required essay; and (2) financial need determined by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The EIU4 Coordinator will notify applicants when scholarship decisions have been made.

EIU4 Scholarship Application

Complete Part 1 and Part 2 of the scholarship application and mail to:

EIU4 Coordinator, Office of Academic Affairs
Eastern Illinois University
600 Lincoln Avenue
Charleston, IL 61920

Applications also may be faxed to (217) 581-6053 or you can apply online at: www.eiu.edu/eiufour/.

Applications are due May 1, 2012. As a reminder, you must be eligible for EIU4 and complete the FAFSA form in order to be considered for the EIU4 Scholarship. Scholarship applicants must have a FAFSA form on file no later than May 1, 2012. FAFSA forms are available online at www.fafsa.ed.gov/.

Part 1: Applicant Information

Full Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone: _____

Major: _____

Minor (optional): _____

Cumulative High School GPA: _____/4.00

Permanent Address

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Part 2: Essay

In 1-2 typed pages, detail your educational and career goals. Describe how you first became interested in your chosen field and discuss any extra-curricular activities (clubs, community service, awards, employment, etc.) that have prepared you to achieve your goals. You also should indicate how earning a degree at EIU within a four-year time frame will help you achieve your goals and explain why financial assistance is important to your particular circumstances.