Who Is Eligible for this Program?

1. Graduates from a Chicago Public School high school (including charter, alternative, options, or contract school) with a 3.0 or higher GPA
2. Graduates from one of the Chicago-based Big Shoulders Fund partner high schools listed below with a 3.0 or higher GPA and who live in Chicago.
   - Christ The King Jesuit College Preparatory School
   - Cristo Rey Jesuit High School
   - De La Salle Institute
   - DePaul College Prep
   - Holy Trinity High School
   - Josephinum Academy of the Sacred Heart
   - Leo High School
   - Mount Carmel High School
   - Our Lady of Tepeyac High School
   - St. Francis de Sales High School
   - St. Rita of Cascia High School

This program is open to undocumented students and international students.

All students have one year from high school graduation to be awarded the Star Scholarship and enroll at City Colleges.

What Does the Scholarship Cover?

City Colleges will provide waivers for all eligible tuition and books not covered by financial aid.

Steps to Apply

Complete the Star Scholarship application within your admission application.

- If you have already applied to CCC (apply.ccc.edu), you can submit a scholarship application via the student portal (my.ccc.edu) under the “financial aid” section.

Complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the verification process at your City College.

- If you are ineligible to complete the FAFSA, you must complete the Star Certification of Ineligibility form found on the student portal (my.ccc.edu).

Complete the transfer partner consent form in the CCC student portal (my.ccc.edu), accepting or declining to share your student data with four-year colleges and universities that offer additional funding to Star Scholars who transfer.
Chicago Star Scholarships who want to continue their education after earning an associate degree can transfer and earn additional scholarships from these universities and businesses in the Chicago area and beyond:

Chicago School of Professional Psychology
Chicago State University
CME Group
Columbia College Chicago
DePaul University
Dominican University
Elmhurst University
Eureka College
Florida Memorial University
Governors State University
Illinois State University
Kendall College
Lincoln University of Missouri
Loyola University
Marquette University
National Louis University
North Park University
Northeastern Illinois University
Northern Illinois University
Northwestern University
Roosevelt University
Saint Xavier University
Shaw University
Southern Illinois University
The Illinois Institute of Technology
The School of the Art Institute of Chicago
The University of Chicago
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