



# Illinois Fund for Careers in School Psychology

MINORITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

## 2018 Application for \$5000 Tuition Scholarships

**Deadline: December 8, 2017**

### **ELIGIBILITY:**

All students currently enrolled in or have been admitted to a graduate program in School Psychology that is recognized and approved by the Illinois State Board of Education, and are members of racial or ethnic minorities are eligible. Membership in the Illinois School Psychologists Association (ISPA) is required. Since this is a tuition scholarship, students who have full tuition waivers need not apply.

### **APPLICATION:**

1. Submit résumé via email with accompanying letter that includes a 2 or 3 page autobiographical statement. Describe career goals and interests, motivation for choosing school psychology as a career, significant persons, experiences and ideas influencing personal development, and community and extracurricular activities.
2. Include a two-page essay discussing a personal perspective on social justice, citing two examples of how it impacts school climate.
3. Request the release of official transcripts of all graduate and undergraduate coursework completed through the end of the 2017 fall semester. Submit all transcripts from prior schools by **December 8** to the address below via regular U.S. mail. Submit **current** school transcripts by **January 5, 2018** via email or U.S. mail.
4. Request two letters of recommendation from university faculty. Letters should discuss the applicant's academic competence, interpersonal skills, written and oral communication skills, character and commitment, suitability for a career in school psychology and leadership potential. Submit via email and a signed document via regular U.S. mail.
5. Interview: All applicants who have submitted the required documents will be interviewed by phone or in person.

Winners will be notified by **January 12, 2018**. Certificates will be presented to the winners at the ISPA Awards Luncheon at noon on **January 18, 2018**. A check in the amount of \$5000 will be sent to the university at which the student is enrolled to apply for tuition.

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