



Illinois Fund for Careers in School Psychology

MINORITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

2021 Application for \$5000 Tuition Scholarship Deadline: December 5, 2020

ELIGIBILITY: Applicants **must**

- Be enrolled and attending a graduate program in School Psychology that is recognized and approved by the Illinois State Board of Education
- Be members of racial or ethnic minorities
- Be current members of the Illinois School Psychologists Association (ISPA)
- **Since this is a tuition scholarship, students who have full tuition waivers need not apply.**

APPLICATION:

1. Submit a 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 2019 fall semester.
Submit all transcripts from prior schools by **December 5** to the address below via regular U.S. mail. Submit **current** school transcripts by **January 4, 2021** 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 letters **via email** and as **signed documents** 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 15, 2021**. Certificates will be presented to the winners at the ISPA Awards Luncheon at noon on **February 4, 2020**. 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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Complete applications and transcripts must be received by this date. Submit materials and inquiries to:

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