Sept. 18, 2009

Matt Vanover
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Sent via email

Dear Mr. Vanover:

In accordance with the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140), the Chicago Tribune is asking your office to provide access to – or copies of – the following public records: A list of General Assembly scholarships awarded for the 2009-2010 school year by state House Speaker Michael Madigan, Rep. Sandra Pihos, Rep. Kevin Joyce and Rep. James Brosnahan.

If you claim any portion of the above public records to be exempt from disclosure under 5 ILCS 140, in writing please (i) identify which portion or portions you claim are exempt and the statutory provision or provisions you contend apply; (ii) set forth the reasons for your conclusion that such portion or portions are exempt; and (iii) release the remainder of such records for inspection and copying, redacting only the portion or portions you claim are exempt.

The Tribune also requests a waiver of any fees associated with filling this request. Please respond within the seven days allotted under the law.

Sincerely,

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