

BigFuture Scholarships

**You could
win \$40,000
...just by planning
for your future.**



Starting in 10th grade, Illinois students can complete college and career planning steps on **BigFuture** and automatically enter monthly scholarship drawings. Two \$40,000 scholarships and multiple \$500 scholarships are awarded every month.

There's no required essay, minimum GPA, or test score. The requirements to qualify are simple: Complete actions that can help you get ready for life after high school.

Extra chances to win: If your family's income is less than \$60,000 per year, you'll earn double entries for every drawing.

- 1 Start Your Career List.**
Explore careers that match your interests.
Start: Any time
Deadline: By the end of February of your senior year
- 2 Start Your College List.**
Find two- or four-year colleges that interest you.
Start: Any time
Deadline: By June 30 of your junior year
- 3 Start Your Scholarship List.**
Find other scholarships to help you pay for college.
Start: July 1 before your senior year
Deadline: By the end of February of your senior year
- 4 Strengthen Your College List.**
Make sure your college list has a mix of reach, match, and safety schools.
Start: July 1 before your senior year
Deadline: By October 31 of your senior year
- 5 Complete the FAFSA®.**
Fill out the free government form to apply for financial aid.
Start: October 1 of your senior year
Deadline: By the end of February of your senior year
- 6 Apply to Colleges.**
Apply to the schools you want to attend.
Start: October 1 of your senior year
Deadline: By the end of February of your senior year

Visit bigfuture.org to complete steps on your dashboard and qualify.