

**Illinois State Deans' Association
Offers**

***The Improved Student Scholarship
For
A Graduating High School Senior***

The Illinois State Deans Association's Improved Student Scholarship has been established to provide a monetary award to a graduating senior in the state of Illinois who has demonstrated positive behavioral changes evidenced through:

- Improved attitude and commitment
- Improved G.P.A.
- Improved attendance
- Participation in school/community activities
- Successful employment
- Graduation from high school
- Show a commitment and aspirations for further education

The scholarship is offered to top high school seniors who meet the above criteria for the current school year, 2009-2010, with plans for further educational training at an accredited university, college, junior college or vocational training institute.

The student is required to submit an application and a one-page essay describing the adverse conditions overcome, detailing his/her improvements, and giving credit to the person(s) who have guided and assisted in this turn around.

An Illinois State Deans' Association member must nominate and recommend a graduating senior for the award.

Included in the *Nomination Packet* are:

- ✓ The announcement of the scholarship
- ✓ A publication sheet
- ✓ Application form to be completed by the student and signed by the student and his/her parent/legal guardian. A one-page essay written by the student must be included with the application form. An ISDA member and the student's Principal must sign and submit the application with the student's essay.
- ✓ Two recommendation forms, one to be completed by a faculty or staff member or a non-related adult who has worked closely with the student, and one to be completed by an ISDA member. The ISDA member will gather the completed application form, the student essay and both recommendations and **submit them by February 26, 2010** to Megan Murray at the address on the application form.

**Illinois State Deans Association
Presents**

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The Illinois State Deans Association (ISDA), announces the establishment of an up to \$1, 000.00 Improved Student Scholarship for the 2009-2010 academic year. An Illinois State Deans Association member must nominate and recommend a graduating high school senior who has shown improvement as reflected in areas of behavior, academics, attendance, and responsibility. Nominees must also have demonstrated improved responsibility by involvement in school and/or community activities and/or successful employment.

The application deadline for all materials is February 26, 2010. Applications will be available to ISDA members at the fall convention, the ISDA website, and will also be printed in the ISDA newsletter. These applications may be made available in Deans, SROs, Counselors, and Career Resource offices in members' schools.

The ISDA Awards Committee will select the scholarship winner to be announced in May. The scholarship money will be in the student's name, payable directly to the educational institution for use upon confirmation of the student's registration, toward tuition, fees, and textbooks or direct reimbursement to the student on presentation of receipts verifying expenditures for the preceding items.

This nomination form must be signed by your high school Principal and your Dean affirming your essay and your anticipated graduation in May/June or August of 2010.

Principal's Signature: _____ Dean's Signature: _____

ISDA Member Signature: _____

Send completed packet to:

Dr. Megan Murray
Dean
Glenbard East High School
1014 S. Main St.
Lombard, IL 60148
630-424-6604
Fax: 630-627-9264
Email: megan_murray@glenbard.org

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Student responsibility:

- Give the attached Recommendation Form to the faculty member you have selected to recommend you.
- Give the attached ISDA member Recommendation Form to your Dean or the ISDA member in your school.
- Give this application with your essay to the ISDA member in your school.

We, _____, agree to waive any right to access the recommendations written on the applicant's behalf for the ISDA Improved Student Scholarship and to accept the decision of the Illinois State Deans Association as final, understanding that it cannot be contested.

Applicant's Name: _____

Applicant's Signature: _____

Father's or Legal Guardian's Signature: _____

Mother's or Legal Guardian's Signature: _____

ISDA Member's Signature: _____

Faculty Member's Signature: _____

School Address: _____
Number and Street City

State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: () _____

Return this form, the other Recommendation Form, the Application, and Essay by Feb. 26, 2010, in a sealed envelope with all forms completed to:

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Thank you on behalf of your student and the Illinois State Dean's Association Scholarship Committee.