



TWO COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

beginning fall semester 2026

8th Annual ITLP Scholarships 2 scholarships @ \$1,000



Open to full-time students:

Full time employees of ITA motor carrier, private carrier, and associate member companies or children or spouses of full-time employees.

Scholarships are for degree or certification programs at college, community college, university, or vocational, business, or trade school.

Application Deadline is April 30, 2026

For applications and more information contact:

Linda Blisset

Illinois Trucking Foundation

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Winners will be recognized in the Illinois Trucking Association magazine.

ITLP Scholarship

This scholarship is administered by the Illinois Trucking Foundation on behalf of the Illinois Trucking Leadership Program and ITLP Alumni. The ITLP is an initiative aimed at growing the next generation of leaders in the trucking industry in Illinois. As part of their desire to serve the industry, ITLP Alumni initiated the creation of the ITLP Scholarship.

Who is eligible to apply?

Full-time employees (*not contractors*) of a member company of Illinois Trucking Association, or that employee's children or spouse are eligible to apply.

The applicant may be a recent high school graduate, current college student, or "back to school" student. The student applicant must attend school on a full-time basis (minimum 12 credit hours per semester).

The **qualifying employee** must have worked **full-time** for the **same** ITA member company **for at least one year**.

If you've applied in previous years, you are encouraged to try again. Your application will be treated as brand new.

- **"Full-time" student** means completing a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester (not including summer school).
- Current (or continuing) student applicants must have at least a 2.5 GPA.
- "Employee" does not include independent contractors.
- Scholarships are for **a degree or certificate program at a college, university, vocational, trade, or business school.**
- **Submit only one application. All 2026 scholarships will be awarded from the same pool of applicants.**
- **Make sure your application is complete and on time. We won't call you if it's late or missing documents.**



How are scholarships awarded?

All applications must be received no later than April 30, 2026.

Late or incomplete application will be disqualified with no further notice. Scholarships winner will be invited to the Truck Driving Championship Banquet to receive recognition and will be published the program and the ITA magazine.

All application are coded so the reviewing committee will not know the name of the individual applicants, nor the sponsoring member company, during the selection process.

The scholarship will be paid directly to the school and may be used for books, tuition, board, student fees.

Winners will be contacted by ITA as soon as the committee has made their selection

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Where do I submit my application?

All fully completed applications (with required supplemental materials) must be mailed or e-mailed so they are **received no later than April 30, 2026**

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Questions? Call us at 217-789-6017

PLEASE INCLUDE A HEADSHOT PHOTO WITH THE APPLICATION



Application deadline: April 30, 2026

In fairness to all applicants, no exceptions will be made.

Please pay attention to details.

Make sure all items on the checklist are included.

Incomplete applications will be rejected.

We will not contact you for more information
if your application is incomplete!

Brought to you as a member service of the
Illinois Trucking Association and the
Illinois Trucking Foundation.

Sincere thanks to the **Illinois Trucking Leadership Program** for their
generous scholarship endowment, and to **all the ITA members** who contribute
to the Scholarship Fund each year.

*The Illinois Trucking Foundation Scholarship Committee has final authority
in awarding all scholarships.*





SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Deadline to submit: April 30, 2026

Please type or write legibly in ink. Be sure to include your COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS.

Applicant's Name		
Full and Complete mailing address <i>(include city and zip code)</i>		
Applicant E-mail address	Phone	
Type of Student	<input type="checkbox"/> Recent High School Grad <input type="checkbox"/> Continuing Student <input type="checkbox"/> Newly "Back to School"	
Name of parent or guardian (if applicable)		
Parent's complete mailing address (if applicable)		
If applicable: Parent's telephone	Parent's email address	
Sponsoring ITA Member Company Name		
Name of Employee related to applicant (if applicable)		
Employee's relationship to applicant		

Which school do you plan to attend with this scholarship?		
Will you attend school full time (12 hours per semester)?	-- Yes	-- No
Applicant's Signature:	_____	

Be sure to include all the information on pages 2 and 3. Include your grade transcripts and all the required supplemental information listed on Page 2

Incomplete or late applications will be disqualified.

<p>High School Attended <i>for recent HS grads or "back to school" applicant. If you are a returning college student, skip to "Colleges Attended"</i></p>	
<p>Grade Point Average Please enclose transcripts unless at least 6 years since HS graduation.</p>	<p>Year graduated: _____ Your GPA: _____</p>
<p>Grade Point Scale (example 4.0 = A)</p>	
<p>College(s) Attended</p>	
<p>Grade Point Average (Please enclose transcripts)</p>	
<p>Grade Point Scale (example 4.0 = A)</p>	

Mandatory Supplemental Information

Including information on Page 3

ELIGIBILITY REMINDER Scholarship is open only to students who meet these criteria:

- **Full-time student** (minimum 12 credit hours) beginning with next fall semester, and
- ITA member **full-time employees** (for minimum 1 year) or full-time employee's spouse, daughter, or son.

You will be disqualified if all these items below are not included. Check your work!

1. **Write an essay** (maximum 1 page, typed, no less than 10 pt. font), **choosing only 1 of these 5 topics:**
 - Who is the biggest role model in your life? What advice did they give you? Was their advice helpful in a real life scenario?
 - If you could open a school or teach a class about one specific subject, what would it be and why? What valuable life skills or lessons does your subject teach your students.
 - Reflect on a book, movie, or art piece that profoundly impacted you. How did it change your perspective or actions.
 - If you had the opportunity to travel anywhere in the world to help a community, where would you go? Why? What issue would you want to accomplish?
 - If you could go back in time and meet a celebrity or historical figure, who would you choose and why? What would you talk to them about?
2. **Submit a signed letter of confirmation of eligibility from ITA member company owner or manager other than your parent or spouse.** This letter should be on company letterhead and is required to verify student's eligibility to apply for scholarship. (See eligibility reminder above.).
3. **Grade transcripts.**

What are your career goals? (What do you want to do after you graduate?)

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Recent Work History

(attach additional page if needed)

Dates	Employer & brief description of job duties

Extracurricular activities and community involvement

(attach additional page if needed)

Dates	List organization, activities, offices held, honors received, etc.

Of which of your accomplishment(s) are you most proud, and why? *(attach additional page if needed)*

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This application must be filled out as completely as possible and returned with the required supplemental information to: Illinois Trucking Foundation, c/o Linda Blisset

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Questions? 630-654-0884