

LYDIA MILLER  
ILLINOIS ELKS CHILDREN'S CARE CORPORATION  
SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP  
College Scholarship Application  
2023 – 2024 School Year

Return Completed Application to:

Illinois Elks Children's Care Corporation  
1201 N. Main St. / PO Box 222  
Chatham, IL 62629-0222

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE:

3 Junior's \$2,500.00 Each  
3 Senior's \$3,000.00 Each  
3 Graduate Students \$3,000.00 Each

**OFFICIAL APPLICATION**

QUALIFICATIONS:

1. **YOU MUST BE A LEGAL RESIDENT OF ILLINOIS AND ATTENDING SCHOOL IN ILLINOIS.**
2. You must be a **FULL-TIME** student by your school's standards with a declared major and accepted in a course of studies in the field of **Special Education.**
3. You must be a Junior, Senior, or Graduate Student for the Fall Semester/Quarter of 2023.
4. You must have a **B** Average for all College Studies by your school's grading scale.  
**(No exceptions – a "B-" does not qualify)**

APPLICATION:

1. Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
DOB \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_
2. Home Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_
3. College Address \_\_\_\_\_  
College Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_
4. Cumulative GPA \_\_\_\_\_ On School's Scale an A= \_\_\_\_\_
5. Circle College academic classification for Fall semester of 2023 JUNIOR SENIOR GRADUATE
6. If you are an undergraduate are you planning to go on to graduate school upon completion of undergraduate studies? (Yes or No) \_\_\_\_\_  
If Yes – What will you study? \_\_\_\_\_

7. Please provide a statement (1,000 words or less) of your goals in the field of Special Education. Explain how you became interested in the field, what you wish to accomplish, any particular area you are planning to concentrate in i.e.: deaf, physically challenged, mentally challenged. If you have been working in another field, what prompted you to return to school in the Special Education Field?
8. Provide 3 letters of recommendation from Instructors/Academic Advisors who are familiar with your abilities, accomplishments and can assess your future & probability of success. At least one letter must be from a supervisor in a classroom experience and should reference your performance.

#\_\_\_\_\_ Included in Application

9. Provide a list of all other scholarships – financial aid you are currently or have in the past received for college expenses. Include dollar amounts of scholarship-award.
10. Please include an Official Transcript of your grades, showing all completed classes. Be certain transcript has your cumulative GPA and the Scale on it.

11. **2021 or 2022 Tax Forms only will be accepted.**

We are interested in only the **front** and **back** page of your main Federal & Illinois Tax Form showing the gross and net taxable income. If you file electronically, please submit a printout of the electronic filing being certain it shows both gross income and net taxable income for the tax year. These forms will be held in strict confidence.

**DO NOT SEND: ENTIRE TAX FORM, COPIES OF W-2's, 1099's, PREVIOUS YEAR TAX FORMS, HOMESTEAD EXEMPTIONS, PAY STUBS, ETC. IF YOUR APPLICATION IS RECEIVED WITHOUT REQUIRED TAX FORMS OR EXPLANATION FOR NOT FILING – APPLICATION WILL BE VOIDED.**

**Filing option: Circle One Option Below.**

**Option A:** If you receive any financial assistance (even if just living at home) from your family, you must Submit both your parents and your 2021 or 2022 FEDERAL AND ILLINOIS STATE INCOME TAX FORMS. Note: If your parents are divorced and you live with one and the other claims you as a deduction, you will need to include both parents' forms. **If you or your parents did not file, attach explanation for not being required to file.**

**Option B:** If you do not receive any financial assistance from your family and do not live at home, you must Submit only your 2021 or 2022 FEDERAL AND ILLINOIS STATE INCOME TAX FORMS. **If you did not file, attach explanation for not being required to file.**

**Option C:** If you are married submit your joint 2021 or 2022 FEDERAL AND ILLINOIS STATE INCOME TAX FORMS. **If you or your spouse did not file, attach explanation for not being required to file.**

12. Describe any special circumstances or hardships which hinder your families' ability to support your education expenses.

13. Are you working while in school to help with your school expenses? (Yes or No)\_\_\_\_\_

How many hours each week \_\_\_\_\_

I here-by grant permission to release any requested information concerning my grades, grade point average and tuition to the Illinois Elks Children’s Care Corporation. I certify all information provided in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and all required tax forms are included with this application.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Application and all information must be submitted to Chatham Office by Friday, March 24, 2023.**

**Should you have any questions, please call the Children’s Care Office at 1-800-272-0074.**

**Hours: 9:00 to 4:00, Monday through Friday - You may also e-mail us at [helpkids@elkscare.org](mailto:helpkids@elkscare.org) or visit our web site at [www.illinoiselksccc.org](http://www.illinoiselksccc.org) Use “Scholarship Inquiry” as your title.**

**QUALIFICATIONS AND CHECK OFF LIST**

**QUALIFICATIONS FOR LYDIA MILLER  
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**Must be legal resident of Illinois**

**Must be attending school in Illinois**

**Must have a minimum of an accumulative B average by your school's grading scale**

**The student must have a financial need**

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**Must be contained in a two-pocket folder**

**Left Side**

- a. Official Transcript
- b. Tax Forms
- c. Reference Letters

**Right Side**

- a. Completed Application
- b. Statement of Goals

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**CHECK LIST**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Provide statement (1,000 words or less) of your goal in the field of Special Education
  2. \_\_\_\_\_ Provide 3 letters of recommendation from Instructors/Academic Advisors
  3. \_\_\_\_\_ Provide list of all other scholarships-currently or have in the past received for college expenses. Include dollar amounts of scholarship award.
  4. \_\_\_\_\_ Provide **Official Transcript** of your grades, showing all completed classes.  
Be certain transcript has your cumulative GPA and the scale on it.
  5. \_\_\_\_\_ Provide copies of the **Front and Back** of your 2021 or 2022 Federal and State Income Tax Forms. Show Gross and Net Income. Explain if you did not file taxes.
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