

# *Prairie State College Foundation*

*Helping to  
bring  
educational  
opportunities  
to the Prairie  
State College  
student  
community*

Apply separately for  
each semester.

Must have  
FAFSA on file.

Complete all information  
to be considered for  
every available award.

Return to Financial Aid  
(Rm. 1350)

2008-09

## SCHOLARSHIP Application

Fall 2008

July 24

Priority Deadline

Spring 2009

December 5

Priority Deadline

Summer 2009

April 24

Priority Deadline

Applications received after the priority deadlines will be considered only if remaining scholarship funds are available after these deadlines.

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### THE PROCESS

The Prairie State College Foundation will award 2008-09 scholarships to assist qualifying applicants who are registered for classes. (If registered hours are reduced, a scholarship award will be reduced proportionately).

You must file FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) and have a SAR (Student Aid Report) on file with the PSC Financial Aid Department to be considered for a PSC Foundation scholarship. File a hard copy, or go on-line; allow at least 14 days (on-line) to 6 weeks (hard copy) for processing time. The number of available scholarships and participating donors will vary each year.

All awards are by electronic credit to the student's PSC account. No cash payments are given, and awards are not transferrable to any other institution. Awards are for the PSC term(s) specified. Awards will not be extended for future use; however, you may apply again.

PSC Foundation scholarships are awarded on a financial need basis, and according to scholarship donors' criteria, which vary by award. Many donors wish to assist those who do not qualify for federal or state funding. These scholarship awards do not exclude applicants whose income might disqualify them from receiving Pell or MAP. However, you cannot receive a PSC Foundation scholarship if you are fully funded through any combination of other assistance.

Please complete all information shown in order to be considered for all available awards. Your scholarship application is not complete until the EFC has been determined using information from the FAFSA/SAR. Failure to complete necessary information will disqualify your application.

Auditions (music, theatre, speech) or portfolio (art, photography, writing) may be required for some awards, depending upon donor criteria.

\*Scholarship recipients are expected to participate as volunteers at Foundation events.

You agree that Prairie State College and the PSC Foundation may use your name and academic information in news releases or promotional publications regarding these awards if you are selected to receive an award.

Scholarship awards may not be determined before the "pay or be dropped" dates. Most awards are for partial costs only. Applicants are advised to make their payments on schedule.

Scholarship funds are donated to assist PSC students pursuing a degree or certificate at Prairie State College. Guest students are not eligible.

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Check application term:     Fall 08                       Spring 09                       Summer 09

**APPLICATION FORM (print neatly and complete all sections)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

PSC student ID number \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ cell phone number (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Street address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Check one: In District  Yes  No

If not in-district resident, why are you attending PSC? \_\_\_\_\_

Check one:

I attended \_\_\_\_\_ high school in (town) \_\_\_\_\_

(state) \_\_\_\_\_ and graduated in \_\_\_\_\_(yr) (If not in USA, in \_\_\_\_\_)

I was awarded a GED in \_\_\_\_\_(yr) Score \_\_\_\_\_

My major at PSC is \_\_\_\_\_ My current GPA is \_\_\_\_\_

If new to PSC, previous GPA \_\_\_\_\_ from  H.S. or  College (name of school) \_\_\_\_\_

I plan to earn  Degree     Certificate    OR     transfer credits to \_\_\_\_\_

My anticipated PSC graduation date is \_\_\_\_\_

I already have a Bachelor's Degree in \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

I am returning to PSC because \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated hours of enrollment in 08-09:

FL08 \_\_\_\_\_ SP09 \_\_\_\_\_ SU09 \_\_\_\_\_

List Financial Aid, scholarships, grants, employer tuition assistance, and other financial assistance you expect to receive in 08-09:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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List community clubs, honors, activities, volunteer work, charities, and/or other educational programs you have pursued since high school: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

List any PSC Foundation events when you volunteered: \_\_\_\_\_

If you did not volunteer when requested, why? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Tell us about your household:

I am:

Independent  
(I do not live with parents)  
(I do not receive parental help)

Dependent (My parent/s claim me on income tax)

Your earnings? \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' earnings? \_\_\_\_\_

Household earnings (self, spouse)?

Will family contribute?  Yes  No

\_\_\_\_\_

If not, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have dependent children?

\_\_\_\_\_

Yes # \_\_\_\_\_  No

Do you have dependent children?

Yes # \_\_\_\_\_  No

Any employer tuition reimbursement?

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Yes  No

Yes  No

Explain: When are you reimbursed? \_\_\_\_\_

Is there a requirement to work for employer for (how many) years? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Your latest FAFSA may not reflect your current financial situation. Please explain, in your essay, if any of the following apply to you:

- recent job loss in household
- single parent
- past academic performance affecting GPA
- other
- health related

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Some donors have specific eligibility criteria which must be met. If you wish to be considered, please supply the following information:

Union membership: Local \_\_\_\_\_, (name of union) \_\_\_\_\_

Myself

Member of Immediate Family (give name & employer) \_\_\_\_\_

Optional: Some donors have designated scholarships for specific groups. If you wish to be considered, please provide the following information. (This information does not affect your eligibility for other scholarships.)

Female

Male

African American

Asian or Pacific Islander

Latino/a

Native American                      Other: \_\_\_\_\_

U.S. Citizen:     Yes                       No                      Veteran:     Yes                       No

Explain disability (if any): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Auditions may be required for some awards.  
A portfolio may be required for some awards.

I hereby grant Prairie State College the right to use application/academic information in news releases and promotional publications should I be selected to receive this award.

I understand that failure to provide complete and accurate information will disqualify my application from consideration.

Student's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Student: Return this application (pages 1-3, plus essay) to Carissa Davis in the Financial Aid and Veterans Affairs Office (Room 1350, 202 S. Halsted St., Chicago Heights 60411) along with your student aid report. (If you already have a 2008-09 report on file, another copy is not necessary.)

Priority Deadlines: July 24, 2008 for FL 08; December 5, 2008 for SP 09; April 24, 2009 for SU 09. Applications after these deadlines will be considered only if funds are still available.

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### ESSAY QUESTIONS

Please answer each question in one paragraph. Your entire written statement cannot exceed one typed page. Double space, use clear font, no smaller than 10 point (for legibility). Do not repeat a past essay. Although your situation may not have changed, your essay must be a new statement (not recycled from a previous application).

Answer these questions:

- 1) Why do you have financial need? (Explain why you cannot afford educational costs; describe unusual or unexpected expenses; give us a snapshot of your household's employment and who lives with you.)
- 2) What are your career goals? (What will you do when you leave PSC? What is your career path?)
- 3) For those who have a Bachelor's Degree already: Why are you at PSC now?

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Please give your written answers as much attention as your most important graded assignment.

**G** Use spell-check.

**G** Ask someone whose opinion you value to review your writing.

**G** If writing is a weakness, please make an appointment with the Student Success Center for assistance.

Some suggestions for your essay:

- Do you capture reader attention?
- Is your verb tense consistent?
- Is your essay grammatically correct and accurately punctuated?
- Are you clear and coherent?
- Does this statement present you as you wish others to see you?
- Did another person review your work for possible mistakes (spelling, grammar, form)?
- If you read 200 essays, would your essay be remembered?
- Let your info sit for a few days, then go back and reread. Did you follow directions, write clear answers that respond to the questions, and did you put your best foot forward?

✓ Check your application again:

**G** Complete? No information missing?

**G** Legible? Can we read your info?

**G** Does it sound right when you read it aloud?

**G** Did you run spell-check?

**G** Did you ask someone else to check your writing?

Awards are made to students whose applications demonstrate merit and possibility. Please be realistic in your self-reflection and prepare conscientiously.