

Prairie State College Foundation

2007-08

SCHOLARSHIP

Application

Fall 2007

July 24

Priority Deadline

Spring 2008

December 7

Priority Deadline

Summer 2008

April 25

Priority Deadline

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

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THE PROCESS

The Prairie State College Foundation will award 2007-08 scholarships to assist qualifying applicants who are registered for classes. (If registered hours are reduced, a scholarship award may 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.

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Check application term: Fall 07 Spring 08 Summer 08

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 _____

Check one: In District Yes No

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

Check one:

I attended _____ high school and graduated in _____ (yr)

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 07-08:

FL07 _____ SP08 _____ SU087 _____

List Financial Aid, scholarships, grants, employer tuition assistance, and other financial assistance you expect to receive in 07-08:

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

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

Do you have dependent children?

If not, why not? _____

Yes # _____ No

Do you have dependent children?
 Yes # _____ No

Any employer tuition reimbursement?
 Yes No

Any employer tuition reimbursement?
 Yes No

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
- past academic performance affecting GPA
- health related
- single parent
- other

List any PSC Foundation events when you volunteered: _____

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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): _____

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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 2007-08 report on file, another copy is not necessary.)

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ESSAY QUESTIONS

Please answer each question in a 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 members.)
- 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?

Please give this written statement as much attention as your most important graded assignment. Use spell-check. Ask someone whose opinion you value to review your writing. If writing is a weakness, please make an appointment with the Student Success Center for assistance.

Some suggestions:

- 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?