



The Susan T. Kern Special Opportunity Scholarship Fund

The vision for the Susan T. Kern Special Opportunity Scholarship Fund is to provide financial support to Illinois State University students in support of one-time special academic or co-curricular opportunities. It is Dr. Kern's wish to provide financial assistance to a student for an opportunity they otherwise wouldn't be able to fund. Awards will be considered by the Selection Committee and reviewed on an as-needed basis. The Selection Committee consists of representatives from the offices of the Provost, Women's and Gender Studies, Dean of Students, and Development.

Eligibility

Candidates for this fund must meet the following criteria to be eligible:

- A minimum grade point average of 2.5
- A grade level of at least Sophomore standing
- A personal statement (e.g., 300 words) which demonstrates how your life experiences have fostered an understanding of and commitment to the value of diversity as it relates to women in their leadership roles and/or career. Your statement may also address gender equity in the workplace and its anticipated impact on your career.

Students can receive this scholarship one time during their educational career at Illinois State.

How to Submit an Application

Please submit typed answers to the attached questions along with this cover sheet and two letters of recommendation to: Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs, Illinois State University, Williams Hall Room 301, Campus Box 2175, Normal, IL 61790-2100.

Student's Name _____ University ID _____

Preferred Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Declaration (must be signed for application to be considered)

I declare that the information provided above and attached is both accurate and truthful, and I will refund my award if it is not. I also hereby grant permission to verify my grade point average and status within the University is in good standing.

Signed _____ Date _____

Please allow a minimum of 4 weeks to process your request.

For office use only:

Date Received _____ GPA _____

Hours Completed _____ Approved/Denied _____

The Susan T. Kern Special Opportunity Scholarship Fund Application

Student's Name _____

Please answer the following questions in as much detail as possible and submit along with the application cover sheet and two letters of recommendation. Please use additional space if necessary.

1. *In detail, please describe your one-time, special opportunity.*
2. *Is this an academic opportunity (affiliated with a class or required by the class or program to earn credit or complete a degree requirement) or co-curricular (supplemental to a course or degree program – not a course or graduation requirement)? What class or co-curricular organization is it affiliated with? Please include or attach any pertinent materials to supplement your description of the special opportunity.*

3. *How will this opportunity enhance your education/experience at Illinois State University?*

4. *You must provide an itemized budget (i.e., transportation, lodging, conference fees, food, tuition, etc.) and describe your financial need for this opportunity. Your budget must show how the scholarship monies will be utilized.*

5. *Will you still be able to participate in this special opportunity in the event that the selection committee does not award the entire requested amount?*