

# “REACH Your Goals”

REACH (Resources for the Education of Adults in the Chicago Area) is a not-for-profit consortium of educational, financial and other corporate institutions from the Chicago Metropolitan area.

## Fall 2016 Scholarship Program Application

REACH is pleased to announce the “REACH Your Goals” Scholarship Program for the Fall 2016 term. This program is designed to assist the growing number of adult learners, like you, who are returning to college. REACH scholarships may be used towards the cost of attendance at your institution as determined by the financial aid department.

To be eligible for the scholarship program, you must meet the following criteria:

- be at least twenty-five years old at the time of application;
- be enrolled in or admitted to a degree or certificate program at a college or university that is a member of the REACH organization (check our website, [www.reach-chicago.org](http://www.reach-chicago.org), for a list of member schools);
- reside in the greater Chicagoland area;
- be a US citizen or permanent resident;
- be eligible to receive the REACH Scholarship per your institution’s financial aid guidelines;
- Undergraduate students** must have earned the equivalent of a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale and have completed a minimum of 12 semester hours or 15 quarter hours of college level credit at time of application;
- Graduate students** must have earned the equivalent of a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 on 4.0 scale based on the last half of baccalaureate credit hours **or** based on 12 semester hours or 15 quarter hours of graduate level credit.

All applications and submitted documentation must be postmarked no later than April 1st, 2016. **Incomplete applications and those received after the deadline will not be considered.** REACH offers up to five, \$2,000 scholarships annually. If you are selected as a recipient, the award payment will be made to your institution’s Office of Financial Aid in August 2016. Recipients of the “REACH Your Goals” Scholarship Program will be informed by May 15, 2016, and will be invited to attend our annual conference and awards presentation to be held June 2016.

Please submit your completed application form with all supporting documents to:

REACH Scholarship Committee  
P.O. Box 4197  
Wheaton, IL 60189-4197  
[scholarships@reach-chicago.org](mailto:scholarships@reach-chicago.org)

### TYPED ESSAY SECTION

In 500 typed words or less, tell us about *yourself and your personal and career goals*. *Explain how a college education will help you reach your goals and why this scholarship is important to you.*

TO BE CONSIDERED, YOUR APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- completed application form (see reverse side);
- typed essay in duplicate;
- official (closed and sealed) college transcript(s) **for each school attended**;
- a minimum of one letter of recommendation from faculty member or employer familiar with your work and interests;
- one photocopy of acceptance letter from the college/university you are or will be attending in Fall 2016; If you are already registered for the Fall semester and it is indicated on your transcripts we will accept that in lieu of an admission letter;
- resume or complete work history;
- self-addressed stamped envelope.

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID Number, if known \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Name and address of college/university in which you will be enrolled for Fall term 2016:

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Circle your degree level for Fall 2016: Associate Degree; Bachelor Degree; Masters Degree; Doctorate/Professional Degree; Certificate Program  
 Expected Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of credits required for program completion \_\_\_\_\_

Semester or Quarter  
 (Circle system)

List **all** college experience below. Attach separate sheet if necessary.

School	Dates Attended	Field of Study	Credits Completed	GPA

Are you a U.S.citizen? Yes \_\_\_ No\_\_\_ If no, are you a legal permanent resident? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

Are you currently employed? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_ If yes, are you employed full-time ( ) or part-time ( )?

List name, address and telephone number of your employer:

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What is your current title/position?

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IS CORRECT AND THAT I WILL USE ANY REACH SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS RECEIVED TOWARDS THE COST OF ATTENDANCE AT THE INSTITUTION LISTED ABOVE.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_