

ILLINOIS ELKS CHILDREN'S CARE CORPORATION
SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST
SCHOLARSHIP
College Scholarship Application
2026 – 2027 School Year

Return Completed Application to:

Illinois Elks Children's Care Corporation
1201 N. Main Street
Chatham, IL 62629

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE:

3 College Seniors \$2,500.00 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 **Speech Language Pathologist.**
3. You must be a College Senior or a Graduate Student for the Fall Semester/Quarter of 2026.
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 **2026**:
COLLEGE SENIOR, GRADUATE 1ST YEAR, GRADUATE 2ND YEAR, GRADUATE 3RD YEAR
6. Please provide a statement (1,000 words or less) of your goals in the field of Speech Pathology. Explain how you became interested in the field, what you wish to accomplish, and any particular area you are planning to concentrate in.

7. Provide 3 letters of recommendation on **academic letterhead** from Instructors/Academic Advisors who are familiar with your abilities, accomplishments and can assess your future and probability of success.

If letters are not on academic school letterhead and signed, this application will be void.

_____ Included in Application

8. Please complete the chart on your anticipated school expenses and income to meet those expenses.

Anticipated Expense		Anticipated Income	
Tuition	\$	Savings	\$
Housing		Family Contributions	
Books		Other Scholarships/Grants	
Personal		Full/Part Time Employment	
Miscellaneous		Miscellaneous	
Total Expense *		Total Income *	

*Do not worry about income and expense balancing.

9. **Enclose ALL Official College Transcripts from ALL Colleges attended, copies are not acceptable.** Be certain transcript includes your most recently completed academic term (first semester of your current academic year). Graduates must include transcripts.

10. **2024 or 2025 Tax Forms only will be accepted.**

We only need 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. It must show both gross income and net taxable income for the tax year. Electronic filing company receipts are not acceptable. 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 – THE 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** 2024 or 2025 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, include an 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 2024 or 2025 FEDERAL AND ILLINOIS STATE INCOME TAX FORMS. **If you did not file, include an explanation for not being required to file.**

Option C: If you are married submit your joint 2024 or 2025 FEDERAL AND ILLINOIS STATE INCOME TAX FORMS. **If you or your spouse did not file, include an explanation for not being required to file.**

11. Does your family have any unusual demands on their income? These would include family illness, under aged dependents, disabilities, unemployment, or any other item which would limit their ability to help you financially. Please attach a statement of unusual demands on a separate page.
12. Are you working while in school to help with your school expenses? (Yes or No)_____
- If yes, 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 20, 2026.

Should you have any questions, please call the Illinois Elks 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@elksccare.org or visit our web site at www.illinoiselksccc.org Use "Scholarship Inquiry" as your subject line.

QUALIFICATIONS AND CHECK OFF LIST

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE ILLINOIS ELKS CHILDREN'S CARE CORPORATION SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST SCHOLARSHIP

Must be a legal resident of Illinois

Must be attending school in Illinois

Must have a minimum of a cumulative B average by your school's grading scale

The student must have a financial need

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

If folder is missing any of these above items, it is deemed void.

CHECK LIST

1. _____ Provide statement (1,000 words or less) of your goal in the field of Speech Pathologist.
 2. _____ Provide 3 letters of recommendation on **academic letterhead** from Instructors/Academic Advisors.
 3. _____ Provide **Official Transcript** of your grades, showing all completed classes. Be certain transcript has your cumulative GPA and the scale on it.
 4. _____ Provide copies of the **Front and Back** of your 2024 or 2025 Federal and State Income Tax Forms. Show Gross and Net Income. **If you did not file taxes, EXPLAIN why.**
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