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**Iowa Council of the United Blind Scholarship**

The Iowa Council of the United Blind is a consumer-run organization dedicated to improving the equality, opportunity, and independence of blind Iowans.  Through education, advocacy, and a firm belief in the potential and abilities of people with vision loss, we help each other become fully participating members of our families, communities, and workplaces.

We are pleased to offer a one-year non-renewable $2500 college scholarship to be available for the 2025-2026 academic year. The scholarship will be awarded to a graduating high school senior planning to attend on a full-time basis a fully accredited community college, college, or university. The ICUB membership invites eligible students with a broad range of business, professional, skilled/technical, or service career aspirations to apply. All application materials should be submitted to the ICUB President by April 15. The Scholarship Committee will select a recipient who will be formally recognized and honored in a brief ceremony attended by the student and members of his/her family at the annual ICUB convention luncheon on Saturday, August 23, 2025.

**Eligibility**

Applicants for this scholarship must be:

* A 2025 high school graduate
* A legal resident of the state of Iowa
* Blind or legally blind
* Have a minimum high school cumulative grade of B

**Application Procedures**

Applicants must submit to the President:

* A completed ICUB scholarship application form
* Documentation of legal blindness by a certified medical professional
* Verification of acceptance by an accredited post-secondary institution
* An essay of approximately 650 words discussing briefly educational or career goals and explaining why the applicant should be considered for the scholarship
* Three reference letters from individuals sufficiently knowledgeable to address the applicant’s academic ability or other characteristics or experiences relevant to probable future success

Additional details and an application form can be found on the Iowa Council of the United Blind website, iowacounciloftheunitedblind.org. Any questions may be addressed to President@icublind.org.

The ICUB membership is pleased to provide this scholarship, to be paid directly to the eligible college of choice, for the entire first year provided the student maintains an average grade point ratio of 2.5 or higher in the fall semester. If the student elects to transfer to another educational institution at mid-year scholarship support for the spring semester is transferable provided he/she had maintained the required grade point average and otherwise demonstrated sustained commitment to his/her educational goals.