College Merit Scholarships

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Merit Scholarships at Illinois and Missouri Universities and Colleges

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General Information

Washington University of St. Louis
“Wash U” has about 6,000 full-time undergraduates enrolled in the Colleges of Arts & Sciences, Business School, Art, Architecture and the School of Engineering & Applied Science. Of entering students who submitted SAT scores, SAT-CR scores ranged from 680 (25%ile) to 760 (75%ile) and SAT-M scores from 700 (25%ile) to 780 (75%ile). Wash U offers many generous academic scholarships that pay up to full tuition, in addition to hosting Army and Air Force ROTC. Wash U does not offer athletic scholarships.

University of Chicago
With about 5,000 undergraduates, University of Chicago is known for its “Common Core.” The percentage of students scoring over 1500 on the CR + Math section of the SAT-I increased from 21% to 37% between 2003 and 2008, and scores for students admitted in 2008 ranged from 1340 (25%ile) to 1510 (75%ile). The university offers full tuition and one-third tuition merit scholarships, and has off-campus ROTC. The University of Chicago does not offer athletic scholarships.

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Urbana-Champaign is the flagship of the University of Illinois, with about 31,000 undergraduates and 11,000 graduate students. The university’s ten colleges include Business, Engineering (with Computer Science), Fine and Applied Arts (with Architecture), and Liberal Arts and Sciences. SAT-I combined scores are highest at the Colleges of Engineering (from 1920 (25%ile) to 2150 (75%ile)), Business (from 1860 (25%ile) to 2080 (75%ile)), and the College of Liberal Arts (from 1860 (25%ile) to 2110 (75%ile)). The College Honors Program for about 125 students offers small classes, summer grants, extra-curricular programs, priority registration for classes, and other benefits. Partial merit scholarships are available. The University also has athletic scholarships and on-campus ROTC.

Northwestern
Northwestern has about 8,200 undergraduates. Of the students submitting SAT scores, SAT-CR scores range from 670 (25%ile) to 750 (75%ile), and SAT-M scores from 690 (25%ile) to 780 (75%ile). Northwestern University offered small merit scholarships in 2008-09, in addition to music and athletic scholarships. Northwestern also has on-campus and off-campus ROTC.

Illinois Wesleyan
Illinois Wesleyan has about 2,100 full-time undergraduates, roughly 80% of whom enroll in the College of Liberal Arts, 13% in the College of Fine Arts, and 5% in the School of Nursing. SAT-I scores range from 1160 (25%ile) to 1360 (75%ile). Over 30% of the students receive merit scholarships. Army ROTC is offered off campus. IWU does not offer athletic scholarships.

This issue features four schools in Illinois and Missouri with merit scholarships and programs of interest to a significant number of TJ students. They include Washington University in St. Louis, University of Chicago, the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana and Illinois Wesleyan University. In addition, information is provided on Northwestern University, which offers music scholarships, athletic scholarships and a ROTC program.
### University of Chicago
- Total costs in 2009-10 of about $55,000.
- 4-year joint BA/MA programs in biological chemistry, chemistry, math, Slavic languages and literature, and statistics
- 7-year BA and medical school program, under a special process where undergraduates apply after their junior year.
- 5-year BA/MA in Public Policy and in International Relations.
- Financial aid available for exceptional international students.
- College Honors Scholars (academic achievement, activities, and leadership) receive full tuition awards.
- University Scholars (academic achievement, activities, and leadership) receive $10,000/year awards.

### University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- Total costs in 2009-10 of $40,000 to $44,000.
- Merit scholarships generally are awarded by the ten colleges.
- University Achievement Scholarship (academic achievement) up to $12,000/year.
- Chancellor’s Scholars have small honors courses, summer grants, priority registration for classes and may receive 2-year partial tuition waivers for non-Illinois residents.
- James Scholar Honors Program for engineering majors with an SAT score of 1450 or higher.
- About 100 Matthews Scholars receive $2,000/year, for academic achievement, leadership, community service.

### Washington University in St. Louis
- Total costs in 2009-10 of about $51,000, plus travel and other personal expenses.
- University Scholars Program in Medicine simultaneously offers contingent admission to Wash University’s Medical School.
- Summer Scholars Program in Biology and Biomedical Research offers free tuition, room and board plus travel expenses for a 7-week summer program for up to 20 rising freshmen.
- Danforth Scholars (leadership) receive up to full tuition.
- The College of Arts & Sciences chooses up to 16 Compton (physics or math), Moog (biology and chemistry), Mylonas ( humanities) and Lien (social science) Fellows, all of whom receive full tuition awards, plus a $1,000 annual stipend.
- Up to 8 Dieckmann Scholars in Arts & Sciences (any major) receive 1/2 tuition awards.
- Langsdorf Fellows (engineering) receive full-tuition awards.
- Woodward Fellows (engineering) receive up to half tuition.
- Up to 8 incoming engineering majors receive $5,000 McKelvey Research awards for summer research.
- Dean’s Scholars in Business receive up to full-tuition, and Entrepreneurial Scholars receive $3,000 annual awards.
- Fitzgibbon Scholars (architecture) receive one full tuition award, and five more Scholars receive $6,000 awards.
- Ervin Scholars (diversity) receive partial and full-tuition awards, plus $2,500 annual stipends.
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### Illinois Wesleyan University
- Tuition, fees, room and board in 2009-10 of roughly $42,000.
- Popular majors include Biology, Business, and Psychology.
- Dual degree 5-year (3-2) engineering programs with Case Western University, Washington University in St. Louis, Dartmouth College and Columbia University.
- In 2008-09, the university awarded roughly $8 million in merit scholarships to 766 undergraduates, including 186 freshmen who received merit scholarships averaging $12,580.
- $18,000/year awards to National Merit Finalists.
- Up to full tuition awards to exceptional international students.
- Alumni Scholars receive $5,000 to $16,000/year.
- Fine Arts Talent Awards entering the Schools of Music, Art and Theatre Arts receive $8,000 to $19,000/year, with a limited number of full-tuition music scholarships.

### Northwestern University
- Total estimated expenses in 2009-10 about $52,000.
- Students apply to separate colleges including Arts & Sciences, Communication, Engineering & Applied Science, and Music.
- Honors Program in Medical Education admits students simultaneously to one college and to the medical school.
- Highly selective Integrated Science Program for exceptional science students, with special math/science classes.
- Mathematical Experience offers small challenging math courses.
- Engineering College Murphy Institute Scholars Program.
- 5-year joint degrees in music & engineering., music & journalism, and music & liberal arts.
- Small National Merit Finalist and music scholarships.
- Athletic scholarships and ROTC scholarships available.