



Community Service Block Grant Scholarships, valued **up to \$5,000**, are now available at Wabash Area Development, Inc.

Scholarships may be used for In-state, Out of State, or Online institutions.

Income eligible residents of Illinois residing in Edwards, Gallatin, Hamilton, Saline, Wabash, Wayne, or White Counties attending college, university, or trade schools are encouraged to apply. Applications are available in the financial aid department, online at www.wadi-inc.com, or at any WADI office.

Funds may be used for tuition, fees, books, and program specific supplies, and must be used by December 31, 2026.

Applications must be submitted by 5:00PM, Thursday, May 7th, 2026. Applications may be submitted online, in person, or by mail.

Proof of household income, residency, and transcripts, will be required, as well as a short essay. Additional information may be requested.

For more information, please contact:

Edwards County:	Lena Courtney at 618-445-2379	lcourtney@wadi-inc.com
Gallatin County:	Cathy Ferrell at 618-252-2680	cferrell@wadi-inc.com
Hamilton County:	Amy Seidel at 618-643-2161	aseidel@wadi-inc.com
Saline County:	Cathy Ferrell at 618-252-2680	cferrell@wadi-inc.com
Wabash County:	Lena Courtney at 618-262-4151	lcourtney@wadi-inc.com
Wayne County:	Amy Hart at 618-842-2962	ahart@wadi-inc.com
White County:	Danielle Browning at 618-384-5541	dbrowning@wadi-inc.com

Community Service Block Grant (CSBG) Scholarship Application



Applicant Information

Name:

Date of Birth:

Email Address:

Phone Number:

Secondary Phone Number (required):

Address:

County of Residence:

Gender:

Race:

Ethnicity:

Disabled:

Veteran:

Number of People in Household:

Household Type:

Household Income: (Must include gross income for all household members over age 18)

Housing Status:

School Information

School Name, City, State:

State where the school will be attended:

Intended Major:

Acceptance to School/Acceptance to Program:

Remote, In-Person, Hybrid:

Full Time or Part Time:

College/University, Trade-School, or Certification Program:

Education Information

Expected Graduation Date

GPA (of most recent school)

High School Graduation or GED Date

Transcript: Attach either a high school or college transcript. The official transcript is **not** required.

Community Involvement

Are you involved in your community? In the area below, briefly describe how you are involved in your community, or simply respond "Not Applicable" if you are not involved in your community. Examples of community involvement include volunteer work, membership in school clubs or service organizations, etc.

Essay/Personal Statement

Write a brief narrative (250-500 words) describing your future relating to your educational goals. Information provided in this narrative will be used in evaluating this applications.

Please choose from one of the following topics:

Option One: Explain how your future career could improve the quality of life in your community. What skills or knowledge will you gain from your education that will help you do this?

Option Two: Describing your future and educational goals. Explain what you want to study, why you chose this field, and how your career could support programs or services that help the community.

Option Three: Describe a community service program or organization that inspires you. How do your future goals align with the mission of that program, and how might you contribute to similar efforts in your career?

Acknowledgements

_____ I certify the information contained in this application is accurate and a complete disclosure of the requested information.

_____ I hereby acknowledge that the information relating to the determination of my eligibility requires verification and I authorize others to release such information as may be required for the determination of my eligibility for this scholarship.

_____ I permit Wabash Area Development, Inc. to share my information with the media.

_____ I understand that I may be contacted for additional documentation.

_____ I agree to participate in required follow up.

Signature _____ Date _____

Applications are due to your local WADI office by 5:00 PM, Thursday, May 7th, 2026

- Edwards County** - 334 Industrial Drive, Albion, IL 62806 618-445-2379
- Gallatin County** - 14 Veteran's Drive, Harrisburg, IL 62946 618-252-2680
- Hamilton County** - 110 E. Jefferson Street, McLeansboro, IL 62859 618-643-2161
- Saline County** - 14 Veteran's Drive, Harrisburg, IL 62946 618-252-2680
- Wabash County** - 119 W. 12th Street, Mt. Carmel, IL 62863 618-262-4151
- Wayne County** - 2004 W. Delaware, Fairfield, IL 62837 618-842-2962
- White County** - 110 Latham Street, P.O. Box 70, Enfield, IL 62835 618-384-5541

Applicants must fall below the following income guidelines

Number in household	Monthly Gross Income
1	\$2,608
2	\$3,525
3	\$4,442
4	\$5,358
5	\$6,275
6	\$7,192
7	\$8,108
8	\$9,025