



CHICAGOLAND CHAPTER

The Chicagoland Chapter of the Hutchinson Bell SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

One of the primary purposes of the Chicagoland Chapter of the Hutchinson Bell is to encourage young people from this area to attend Florida College. In order to help qualified students financially, the chapter offers scholarships each year. The number of scholarships and the dollar amounts of each will be determined by availability of funds. The scholarship committee

will select recipients of the scholarships based upon the information provided on this application form. Access to the information on the application will be limited to members of the scholarship committee. In selecting scholarship recipients and determining the amounts of the awards, the committee uses the following guidelines:

ELIGIBILITY: Applicant must:

- have attended Chicagoland Camp.
- have applied to Florida College for admission.
- be of good moral character. (A scholarship may be forfeited if the recipient is suspended from Florida College or Chicagoland Camp for disciplinary reasons).

Membership in the Chicagoland Chapter of the Hutchinson Bell is encouraged but *not* required.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Two letters of recommendation from non-family members are required. (If you have received a scholarship from the Chicagoland Chapter of the Hutchinson Bell in the past, you do not need to resubmit letters of recommendation.) You are advised to follow up with your references to make sure their letters are submitted to the email below by the deadline.

ESSAY SUBMISSION:

First-Time Applicant – The student must submit a short essay (minimum two paragraphs) explaining why he/she wishes to attend Florida College and what he/she hopes to gain from his/her experience there.

Returning Student - Please submit a short essay explaining what Florida College means to you and the value of your Florida College experience. This should be attached to your application.

APPLICATION DEADLINES!!!

Applications must be received for review by:

- 2025-2026 Applications: **July 12, 2025**
- Applicants and FC will be notified of scholarship awards by the end of July.
- Scholarship awards will be made directly to Florida College (half in fall, half in spring)
- Please see next page for Scholarship Application.

HELPFUL HINTS

1. Make sure to read the above letter.
2. An application and essay must be submitted *each* year you apply for a scholarship.
3. Letters of Recommendation are only needed for the *first* year of application.
4. No applications received after July 13th will be accepted.
5. Questions? Contact Andy Diestelkamp (andydiestelkamp@gmail.com) • text or call (815) 374-3717)



**The Chicagoland Chapter of The Hutchinson Bell
Application for Scholarship to Attend Florida College**

Applicant Information

Name: _____
Date of Birth: _____
Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____
E-mail: _____

Plans for Attending Florida College

Have you applied for admission to Florida College? _____
Have you been accepted? _____

Family Information

Names of Parents/Guardian: _____
Address (if different than above): _____

Years You Attended Chicagoland Camp _____

Letters of Recommendation

To protect the privacy of your references, please sign below to acknowledge that you understand you do not have the right to read any letters of recommendation received by the scholarship committee.

_____ (Applicant Signature)

Scan and send completed application to:
andydiestelkamp@gmail.com

If you are unable to submit the application electronically, please mail it to
Andy Diestelkamp, 323 E Indiana Ave, Pontiac, IL 61764

*****Reminders*****

1. Make sure you include your two-paragraph essay when submitting your application.
2. Ask two non-relatives to each submit a letter of recommendation to the address above.
3. **Submit your application before the deadline of July 12, 2025**
4. Follow up with your references to make sure they submit their letters on time.