



DEKALB COUNTY
COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION

Renaissance Scholarship

2022 Scholarship Guidelines:

The Renaissance Scholarship is awarded to a DeKalb County resident or a resident living with the service boundary of Kishwaukee College in Malta, IL, who is in the work force and wants to reenter the academic world. Students must have had at least a one-year gap between graduating high school and seeking to further his or her education to apply. Applicants can also be students returning to school after years in the workforce to obtain a second undergraduate degree.

This is a \$1,000 award. It is renewable up to three consecutive years following the initial award and can be used for tuition at any accredited university or community college for expenses associated with undergraduate study. The recipient can seek a degree in any field of study but must demonstrate evidence of interest in the chosen field.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Applicants must be a student returning to school seeking an undergraduate degree after at least a one-year gap after graduating high school
- Applicants must have demonstrated activity in public and civic affairs including a voting record and/or participation in public school or community activities and organizations.
- Applicants should be able to demonstrate a need for scholarship assistance.

To apply:

- ✓ Apply online at <https://www.grantinterface.com/sl/sZlqzB>
- ✓ **Applications must be complete and submitted by 11:59 p.m. June 1.**
- ✓ Contact Becky Zantout, Grants & Scholarships Manager, with questions at b.zantout@dekalbccf.org or 815-748-5383.

Selection Process:

Yvonne Johnson, retired Sycamore teacher, originated the Renaissance Scholarship in 2007. Ms. Johnson works with the Foundation to establish a scholarship selection committee composed of DeKalb County residents. Committee members work independently to review all applications and select the scholarship recipient. The committee will make their selection free of political consideration and bias. The scholarship committee reserves the right not to fund the scholarship during any given year.