



General Application Package
2020-2021

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AT LINCOLN TRAIL COLLEGE

Lincoln Trail College prides itself on offering an educational experience that is among the best in the nation* at a price that is the most accessible in the state. We want higher education to be accessible to everyone. Both the college and the Lincoln Trail College Foundation have a variety of **scholarships and awards** available for area residents. Whether you are a high school student, current LTC student, or someone who is thinking about coming back to school, we have options available for you. Please review the section below that best describes your current situation.

I am thinking about enrolling at LTC and want to know what support is available.

Student loans are one of the fastest growing categories of consumer debt in the nation. There is a better way forward at Lincoln Trail College. Our **merit-based** scholarships are highly competitive and are awarded to students who have distinguished themselves through their performance in and out of the classroom. Our **need-based** scholarships include financial aid and scholarships that consider both the academic merit and financial needs of students. Attending college can be an expensive proposal, and our need-based scholarships are intended to help cover some of the costs associated with earning your degree or certificate.

MERIT-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS

Lincoln Trail College makes four primary merit-based scholarships available for high-school seniors; 1) The Crawford County Award for Excellence (CCA), 2) The Presidential Academic Scholarship Award (PASA), 3) The Student Academic Scholarship Award (SASA), 4) Principal's Choice Award (PCA). CCA and Principal's Choice Awards require no application.

The Lincoln Trail College Foundation also has several merit based scholarships available for any student who is considering enrolling at LTC. You don't need to apply for a specific scholarship, but your letter should make a concerted effort to inform the committee how your background makes you a candidate for merit-based aid. **Everyone who wants to be considered for a merit-based scholarship should complete the General Scholarship Application by the specified deadlines.** *Please note - only a limited number of PASA and SASA scholarships are awarded, and students are highly encouraged to submit their application by the priority deadline.*

NEED-BASED AID

The generous support of friends and alumni of Lincoln Trail College allows the Foundation to offer a variety of scholarships to help you pay for college. If you need assistance in covering the cost of attendance – large or small – you should complete the **General Scholarship Application by the specified deadlines**. A limited pool of money is available every year. You are strongly encouraged to complete your application before the **priority deadline**.

OTHER

Our financial aid office is here to assist students in putting together a financial aid package that could include a mix of federal, state, institutional and private aid. *Some sources of aid, like certain Foundation scholarships, the Monetary Award Program (MAP), and Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG) have limited pools of money available that go to the students who apply first.* All graduating high school students should visit the Lincoln Trail College Financial Aid office **as soon as possible** to explore the types of state or federal aid that may be available. The first step for financial aid is filling out the **FAFSA** with our school code (007986). We are happy to assist with that if the student or parent(s) need help.

I'm a current Lincoln Trail College student

Current LTC students should maintain excellent communication with their academic advisor and the financial aid office to remain informed of scholarships that are available to them. Current students are eligible for support based on academic performance or financial need. The **General Scholarship Application** lists the deadlines for applying.

I have an emergency and I need help

The **Improving Lives Scholarship** is available to residents of Crawford County only who are enrolled at Lincoln Trail College. The primary focus of this scholarship is to address the financial hurdles associated with continuing education. Preference will be given to single parents with financial needs associated with childcare/daycare expenses; however all unanticipated financial needs that are prohibiting Crawford County residents from achieving educational goals will be considered during the awarding process of this scholarship. Award amounts will vary based on the needs of the selected candidates. Additional information and application can be found at lincolntailcollegefoundation.com, the Lincoln Trail College Foundation office or the LTC financial aid office.

I am graduating LTC and I'm not sure how I'm going to pay for the next two years of school

The Foundation offers the **Clara Mullen Memorial Scholarship**. This is a scholarship available to a Crawford County High School graduate who also graduated from Lincoln Trail College and will be working toward a Bachelor of Science or a Bachelor of Arts Degree. Application can be found at lincolntailcollegefoundation.com or the Foundation office.

General Application Requirements

Please make sure all boxes are checked before turning in the Lincoln Trail College/Lincoln Trail College Foundation Scholarship application. Thank you!

- ☐ Completed and **signed** scholarship application
- ☐ FAFSA completed at fafsa.gov (LTC code: 007986)
- ☐ Most current OFFICIAL Transcript
- ☐ Personal letter of academic and professional goals
(additional information may include: honors, activities, financial need, why you want/deserve this scholarship, etc.)
- ☐ Letter of support/recommendation
- ☐ Meet priority deadline of 2nd Friday in **January**
(If awarded you will be notified first week in February)
- ☐ Meet Final deadline of 2nd Friday in **March**
(Note: priority will be given to early applicants. You will be notified first week of April if you have been awarded a scholarship)
- ☐ Summer school application due date 2nd Friday in **April**

Incomplete applications will not be accepted!

*If you have any questions please call us:
Lincoln Trail College Foundation 618.544.2373
Lincoln Trail College 618.544.8657*

*You can find more information at www.lincolntailcollegefoundation.com
Please return completed checklist with application to Lincoln Trail College
Financial Aid Department*



STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM



INSTRUCTIONS: (READ CAREFULLY)

1. Please print clearly the following information. Turn in completed application **by deadline**, with all applicable signatures, to Financial Aid Office. If this form is incomplete, inaccurate, or not signed it will **NOT** be considered.
2. College/Foundation requires an attached written statement/letter explaining applicant's academic goals, future career plans, honors/activities, why you want/deserve this scholarship and if relevant, information pertaining to financial need may be included. A letter of recommendation will also be required to be considered. **Most current OFFICIAL transcript must also be submitted.**
3. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of financial need and academic merit, however, if not returned/postmarked by 2nd Friday in January applicant will not be given priority status.

APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Name: _____ Birthdate: ____/____/____ ☐ Male ☐ Female

Current Address: _____ Apt# _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: (____) _____ Email: _____ (will be used to contact)

Where will you be living while attending school: ☐ on campus ☐ at home ☐ off campus ☐ other: _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s) AND Occupation(s):

Name: _____ Occupation: _____ Phone: _____

Name: _____ Occupation: _____ Phone: _____

ACADEMIC INFORMATION:

☐ Current Student at LTC ☐ Current High School Student ☐ Returning Student ☐ Summer school student

Grad from Crawford County School? _____ High School: _____ Graduation year: _____ Cumulative GPA: _____

Enrolling at LTC as: ☐ Full-time student ☐ Part-time student Are you the first person in your family to attend college? _____

Major/Intended Major: _____ ☐ Vocational ☐ Transfer

☐ Ensemble

Check if you are applying for LTC
Music Ensemble Tuition Waiver.

Enrolling as student athlete? Yes / No If yes, which sport: _____

I certify that all information is correct and that if awarded a scholarship, Lincoln Trail College is hereby granted permission to release this information for publication for a period of one year from the date stated below. Also, my signature below gives permission for my high school to provide any academic information requested on this application form. I authorize Lincoln Trail College to provide information pertaining to my enrollment status, hours enrolled, grades, financial assistance, tuition and fees to the director of the Lincoln Trail College Foundation.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

I authorize Lincoln Trail College Foundation (LTCF) and Lincoln Trail College (LTC) to contact me at my current and any future cellular phone number(s), email address(es) or wireless device(s) regarding general information from LTCF or LTC. I understand that I am responsible for keeping LTCF/LTC records up to date with my current physical addresses, email addresses and phone numbers by contacting the offices.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

SUBMIT APPLICATION TO

Lincoln Trail College attn: Financial Aid Dept. 11220 State Highway 1 Robinson, IL 62454



This page to be submitted by:

High School Seniors ONLY



This section to be completed by principal or guidance counselor

This is to certify that at the end of the 6th semester this student ranked

in a class of

students.

This students' cumulative GPA is

on a

scale.

Test Scores

ACT SUBJECT SCORES:

English: _____

Math: _____

Reading: _____

Science Reasoning: _____

Composite Score: _____

SAT SCORES:

Verbal: _____

Math: _____

Combined ACT english/writing
score (optional): _____

COMPASS SCORES:

Reading: _____

Numerical: _____

Writing Skills: _____

Signatures

Principal/Guidance Counselor Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Submit this form with your application to LTC Financial Aid Dept.