

Student Success Initiative Scholarship FAQs

Q: What is the Student Success Initiative Scholarship?

A: The Student Success Initiative Scholarship was created by CADL to help two graduating high school seniors, who have an SSI account, with any college-related expenses.

Q: How is the scholarship being funded?

A: The scholarship is being funded by donations through Kroger Community Rewards and a generous donation from the Capital Area Transportation Authority (CATA). No library funds are being used to fund the scholarship.

Q: How much is the scholarship and how many recipients will there be?

A: CADL will select two recipients, who will each receive a \$1,000 scholarship. This is a one-time scholarship.

Q: Who is eligible to receive an SSI Scholarship?

A: To be eligible for an SSI Scholarship, applicants must meet all the following criteria:

- Applicant is a high school senior graduating in 2024.
- Applicant has a 2.5 or higher grade-point average at the time the application is submitted.
- Applicant must be planning to attend an accredited college, university, or vocational school in the fall after high school graduation.
- Applicant used their Student Success Initiative account at least once in the last year. ***Use of other types of CADL cards does not count towards the scholarship requirements.***

Q: What activities count as SSI accounts use?

A: Any activity that requires your library card to use the first, or every, time. This includes checking out digital and physical titles, using CADL digital resources (but does not include most MeL databases) and using library public use computers.

Q: Is there anyone who isn't eligible to receive a scholarship?

A: Employees of CATA and CADL and their immediate family members (parents, stepparents, siblings, spouses, in-laws, children, stepchildren and foster children) are not eligible for this scholarship.

Q: Where can I download the official online application?

A: You can download the official online application at cadl.org/scholarship.

Q: What materials do I need to submit to be considered for an SSI Scholarship?

A: You must submit all three of the following documents to be considered for an SSI scholarship:

- Application
- Unofficial high-school transcript
- 500-1,000-word essay answering the question, *“How would you define success?”*

Q: How can I submit my application, essay and unofficial transcripts?

- Email to scholarship@cadl.org
(If you don't have access to technology, CADL has public computers at all 13 of its locations.)
- Mail to Capital Area District Libraries, **Attn: SSI Scholarship, 401 S. Capitol Avenue, Lansing, MI 48933**
- Drop off to the CADL Administrative Offices
(third floor of Downtown Lansing branch), 401 S. Capitol Avenue

Q: What is the deadline to apply for the scholarship?

A: The official application, required essay and unofficial high school transcript must be received by April 14, 2024, 11:59 p.m. EST.

Q: What if my question hasn't been answered?

A: If the information you're searching for can't be found here, on the website, or in the info & application documents, please send your question(s) to scholarship@cadl.org.