

COLLEGE SUCCESS PROGRAM - Policies and Expectations*

Being an Evanston Scholar during college years has privileges and expectations. Evanston Scholars is dedicated to helping College Scholars finish college with distinction. For this to happen, we have to work together. College Scholars can depend on Evanston Scholars to deliver a quality *College Success Program*. In order to do so, Evanston Scholars depends on College Scholars to understand the policies and to fulfill the expectations described below.

Who is a College Scholar?

A College Scholar is an Evanston Scholar who has graduated from Evanston Township High School and is pursuing a bachelor's degree.

What can College Scholars expect from the College Success Program?

- ✓ Dedicated College Success staff that provides advice and guidance.
- ✓ 1:1 meetings at least twice a year to review academic progress.
- ✓ Continuation of mentor relationship.
- ✓ Book Stipend each semester **when expectations are met.**
- ✓ Availability of Emergency Funds.
- ✓ Social opportunities to interact with staff, mentors and fellow College Scholars.
- ✓ Peer mentors for college freshmen.
- ✓ Circle of Honor distinction for 3.0+ GPA .
- ✓ Pillars of Success recognition for significant campus engagement.
- ✓ Monthly ES Bulletins with tips and reminders.
- ✓ Assistance with resume development and career guidance.

What are Evanston Scholars' Expectations of College Scholars?

- ✓ Provide copy of transcript showing grades and cumulative GPA following completion of each semester, quarter or trimester.
- ✓ Provide copies of financial statement and course schedule for each upcoming semester, quarter or trimester.
- ✓ Meet with ES College Success staff, upon request, to review grades and progress toward your degree.
- ✓ Demonstrate understanding of financial obligations.
- ✓ Create and follow a college completion plan to earn a bachelor's degree.
- ✓ Remain in academic good standing in college.
- ✓ Communicate with mentor at least one time per month during each semester; meet with mentor during college breaks.
- ✓ Respond to all emails, texts and phone calls from ES College Success staff within 24 hours.
- ✓ Read monthly ES Bulletins and all emails; subscribe to REMIND group text program.

What are Evanston Scholars' Policies associated with being a College Scholar?

There are three status designations for College Scholars:

- **Active Status:** Enrolled in college and meets ES expectations (see above).
- **Interim Status:** Not enrolled in college for one or two semesters; or enrolled in college, but does not meet ES expectations for one or two semesters.
- **Inactive Status:** Not enrolled in college for more than two semesters; or enrolled in college, but does not meet ES expectations for more than two semesters.

Evanston Scholar Benefits	ACTIVE STATUS	INTERIM STATUS	INACTIVE STATUS
Staff Resources	✓	✓	✓
College Success Guidance	✓	✓	
Mentor	✓	✓	
Book Stipend	✓		
Emergency Funds	✓		
Invitations to Events	✓	✓	
Circle of Honor	✓		
Pillars of Success Distinction	✓		
ES Email Address	✓	✓	
Website Listing	✓	✓	
Remind Text Program	✓	✓	

What are Book Stipends?

Book Stipends are funds available for College Scholars with active status and are intended to offset the expenses associated with textbooks. Book Stipend amounts are determined by the Scholar Financial Review Committee. Each College Scholar is eligible to receive up to \$2,000, which will be spread over eight semesters.

What are Emergency Funds?

Emergency Funds are available for College Scholars with active status. These funds, typically between \$500 and \$1,000, are to be used solely for educational purposes – e.g., class fees, conference expenses, applications, tuition, etc. College Scholars seeking Emergency Funds are required to gain their mentor's support and to complete an application.

I understand and agree to the Policies and Expectations* stated above.

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ES College Scholar

Print Name

Date

x _____

ES College Success Team

Print Name

Date

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