



2026 PRAIRIE STATE COLLEGE / GIGI CAMPBELL STUDENT TRUSTEE EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP

The Illinois Community College Trustees Association's PRAIRIE STATE COLLEGE / GIGI CAMPBELL STUDENT TRUSTEE EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP recognizes the Illinois community college system's outstanding student leaders.

AWARD CRITERIA

Each nomination for the Prairie State College / Gigi Campbell Student Trustee Excellence Scholarship will be reviewed according to the following criteria:

- Has made notable efforts to communicate with students, providing a viable means for feedback from the student body (this might include posting bulletins, a column in the campus newspaper, a newsletter, a suggestion box or personal campus mailbox, voice mail and/or an e-mail address available for students to contact their board representative)
- Has been a functioning member of the board of trustees, taking part in discussions, both open meetings and closed sessions
- Has exhibited that acting in the best interests of the students, the college, and the system are prime objectives and has knowledge of the issues facing students through interaction with the student government and campus organizations
- Reports on the problems and accomplishments of individual students and student organizations at board meetings
- Has been an asset to the board and the college (this would include ambassadorial comportment at professional conferences and meetings)

In case of a tie between two or more equal nominees, participation in local and ICCTA-related legislative advocacy on community college issues will be the deciding factor.

NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS

Any currently serving student trustee of an ICCTA member college is eligible to receive this award. Posthumous nominations are not eligible for submission.

In order for a nomination to be considered, all of the following items must be included in the nomination packet. **The total length must not exceed six (6) single-sided pages:**

- Letter of support from the college board of trustees
- Responses to each of the above award criteria questions
- Self-statement of 250 words or less describing how the nominee's life has been shaped by a community college education
- Optional supplemental materials (i.e., resumé, news articles, brochures, photos)

In addition, the nomination must include a narrative statement (not to exceed 150 words) that explains the nominee's qualifications and is suitable for use in ICCTA publicity materials. *The narrative statement is not included in the 6-page nomination packet, but it is required for a nomination to be considered.*

★ Failure to follow these guidelines will result in the disqualification of a nomination ★

PROGRAM DEADLINES

All nominations must be received **BY 5 PM, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2026. THIS DEADLINE WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.** The winner of the Gigi Campbell Student Trustee Excellence Scholarship will receive a \$1,000 cash stipend for educational expenses during the fall 2026 semester. In addition, ICCTA will invite the winner to attend the association's June 5, 2026 awards banquet in Lombard.

All nominations and support materials should be sent to the **Illinois Community College Trustees Association, 401 E. Capitol, Suite 200, Springfield, IL 62701-1711.** For more information, please contact 1-800-454-2282.



2026 Prairie State College / Gigi Campbell Student Trustee Excellence Scholarship Nomination Form

Name of scholarship nominee _____
Pronunciation of nominee's name _____
Community college _____
Nominee's mailing address _____
Telephone # _____ E-mail address _____

Name of nominator _____
Community college _____
Title/position _____
Nominator's mailing address _____
Telephone # _____ E-mail address _____

To ensure that your awards nomination is processed without delay, please check off the following items before submitting this information:

Nominations Packet -- **NO MORE THAN SIX (6) SINGLE-SIDED PAGES TOTAL** may be submitted:

- ☐ Letter of support from the college board of trustees
- ☐ Responses to each award criteria question
- ☐ Self-statement of 250 words or less describing how the nominee's life has been shaped by a community college education
- ☐ Optional supplemental materials (i.e., resumé, news articles, brochures, photos)

Also required for consideration (but not included in the 6-page limit):

- ☐ Narrative statement of no more than 150 words
- ☐ Completed nomination form

This nomination form and supporting materials must be received by **5 PM, Friday, February 27, 2026**, at the:

Illinois Community College Trustees Association
401 E. Capitol, Suite 200
Springfield, IL 62701-1711
E-MAIL: vbrown@communitycolleges.org

- For more information, contact Veronica Brown at vbrown@communitycolleges.org or 1-800-454-2282 ▪