

## Illinois Credit Union Foundation Programs

<b>Program</b>	<b>Qualifications</b>	<b>Award Amount(s)</b>	<b>Application Deadline(s)</b>	<b>Uses</b>
Scholarships – Individual	* CUs - all asset sizes	* up to \$500 for most classes, \$1,000 for CUNA courses  * maximum scholarship funds per CU = \$1,500 annually	Main deadline = March 31  Remaining funds available during rest of the year on a first come, first served basis	All education including ICU System classes, conferences, telecourses, QuickBites, Annual Convention; CUNA schools and conferences, vendor-sponsored sessions, self-study programs (VAP, VLP, STAR, etc.), college classes
Scholarships – Group	* CUs – all asset sizes * Chapters	* up to \$1,000  * maximum scholarship funds per CU = \$1,500 annually	Main deadline = March 31  Remaining funds available during rest of the year on a first come, first served basis	Education sessions listed under individual scholarships but used when 3 or more people from same CU want to participate in same program; also includes Chapter-sponsored training sessions
Grants – Community Service	* CUs – all asset sizes * Chapters	* up to \$500 annually	March 31, July 31, October 31  Funds are awarded on a first come, first served basis	Support community projects which exemplify the “People Helping People” spirit of the credit union movement; potential projects include raising funds for a local charity, providing a service for a non-profit (e.g. host a blood drive, collect food or clothing for needy)
Grants – Small CU Development (SCUD)	*CUs – up to \$10 million in assets	* up to \$2,500 annually	March 31, July 31, October 31  Funds are awarded on a first come, first served basis	Purchase things to help CUs remain competitive including computer hardware & software, office equipment, marketing materials, website development, new product/service start-up fees
Grants – Financial Independence & Revitalization Effort (FIRE)	* CUs – all asset sizes	* up to \$15,000 annually	March 31, July 31, October 31  Funds are awarded on a first come, first served basis	Reach out to low-income and underserved communities in Illinois; potential projects include financial literacy programs, install ATM or establish branch/ satellite office in an underserved area; expand financial products for low-income members, develop bilingual programs, and implement IDA program
Grants – Marketing & Business Development (MBD)	* CUs – up to \$30 million in assets	* up to \$5,000 annually	March 31, July 31, October 31  Funds are awarded on a first come, first served basis	Help CUs start or expand outreach efforts; possible projects include creating promotional campaign for products and services, visiting select employee groups to increase membership, developing campaign to introduce CU to new members as part of charter expansions, develop and market name change, and start new products and services

Printable application forms for all scholarships & grants are available on the League’s website ([www.iculeague.coop](http://www.iculeague.coop)). Click on “League Services” then “ICU Foundation” to find the forms.