

**The Vincent Lionel Davis Scholarship Fund
for Undergraduate African-American Students
Illinois State University
Normal, Illinois**

The Vincent Lionel Davis Scholarship Fund is established by the Davis Family in memory of their beloved son, brother, husband and father, who died on February 11, 1992 in the line of duty as an employee of the Dallas, Texas, fire department. Vincent graduated from Illinois State in 1981, with a major in Industrial Technology. As a student, he was a member of the track team and was named All-American High Jumper; as an athlete, he was coached by his brother Wilbert Douglas Davis, Jr., who was employed at Illinois State University for 33 years. Vincent's mother, Ethel Mae Davis is a resident of Alton, Illinois, where her family was raised. Other family members who join in this scholarship as founding donors are Vincent's wife Dorothy and their daughters Tiffany and Kiaria.

Purpose of the Fund

The Vincent Lionel Davis Fund is an endowment for scholarships targeted to worthy young African-Americans who are pursuing college educations but need financial assistance in order to do so.

Candidate Qualifications

Recipients must exhibit character, industry, and good study habits. Academic records and qualifications must indicate the potential for successful college work.

The recipient of the Davis Scholarship must:

1. Be a citizen of the United States.
2. Be an African-American.
3. Be admitted to or a current student of Illinois State University for the applicable academic term; may be an incoming freshman or a returning student of any undergraduate class.
4. Submit a complete high school and/or college transcript.
5. Submit two letters of recommendation to Julie Robinson from teachers, principals, counselors, or persons who know of the student's character, academic and leadership qualifications.
6. Include a 500-word essay on why he/she should be selected.
7. Submit application materials by May 1st for the next academic year, beginning in August.

Members of the Black Colleagues Association, high school principals, counselors and professors may recommend and encourage eligible students to apply.

Selection

Responsibilities for selection of the recipient(s) of the Davis Scholarship are assigned to the Black Colleagues Association.

Scholarship Award

The Davis Scholarship Fund shall award a \$1,000 scholarship annually. Students may apply for and receive this award more than once. The number of annual scholarship awards will depend on the annual net investment earnings produced by the endowment's principal. A portion of these investment earnings will be used for scholarship awards. **Students applying for both the Vincent Lionel Davis and the Black Colleagues Scholarships are not eligible to receive both awards during the same academic year.**

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**THE VINCENT LIONEL DAVIS SCHOLARSHIP FUND
FOR UNDERGRADUATE AFRICAN-AMERICAN STUDENTS**

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION - DUE MAY 1st

The purpose of this scholarship is to assist worthy Black high school and college students. Recipients must exhibit character, desire, and ability to complete a college degree. Academic records and qualifications must indicate the potential for successful college work.

Name of Applicant _____

Home address _____

_____ Telephone No. _____

SECTION 1: TO BE COMPLETED BY INCOMING FRESHMEN

High School attended _____ State _____ / City _____

Grade Point Average _____ Rank in Class _____ Number in Graduating Class _____

Please provide a brief list and description of your extracurricular activities and/or talents, community service, and awards. _____

SECTION 2: TO BE COMPLETED BY CURRENT COLLEGE STUDENTS

Grade Point Average _____

Year in College 1 2 3 4 5 (circle one)

Date of entry at Illinois State _____

Anticipated Graduation Date _____

Major(s) _____

Please provide a brief list and description of your current college activities/awards, community service, etc.

SECTION 3: TO BE COMPLETED BY ALL APPLICANTS

List Important Activities and Offices Held _____

What Scholarships and / or Financial Aid Are You Receiving? _____

Estimated Annual Cost of College Tuition & Fees \$ _____ Room & Board \$ _____
Other Expenses \$ _____ **Total \$** _____

Did you work during the summer? _____ Are you currently employed? _____

Name of Scholarships / Grants Applied for and Status (Pending / Confirmed) _____

Why are you applying for this scholarship? _____

Date _____ Applicant's Signature _____

Parent's Signature _____

Father's Occupation & Employer _____

Mother's Occupation & Employer _____

Number in Family _____ Number in High School _____ Number in College _____

If you indicated that you are a self-supporting student, please provide information to substantiate this (such as employment, scholarships, grants, loans, etc.).

PLEASE SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING WITH THIS APPLICATION:

- High school applicants must include an official high school transcript with standardized test scores
- College applicants must include a college transcript OR college grades from the previous semester
- A one-page essay on why you should be selected and what you plan to do after graduation
- Two (2) letters of recommendation (from professors / teachers, principal, counselors, etc.)

PLEASE MAIL YOUR APPLICATION AND MATERIALS TO:

Maurice Allen

ISUBCA Scholarship Committee

1036 Apple Lane

Lombard, IL 60148

OR

Janessa L. Williams

Illinois State University

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**Deadline for receipt of application is May 1st
for the academic year beginning the following August.**

PLEASE NOTE: Recipient must attend Illinois State University.