

“REACH Your Goals”

REACH (Resources for the Education of Adults in the Chicago Area) is a not-for-profit consortium of educational, financial and other corporate institutions from the Chicago Metropolitan area.

Fall 2017 Scholarship Program Application

REACH is pleased to announce the “Carolyn Cooney REACH Your Goals” Scholarship Program for the Fall 2017 semester. This program is designed to assist the growing number of adult learners, like you, who are returning to college. REACH scholarships may be used towards the cost of attendance at your institution as determined by the financial aid department.

To be eligible for the scholarship program, you must meet the following criteria:

- be at least twenty-five years old at the time of application;
- be enrolled in or admitted to a degree or certificate program at a college or university that is a member of the REACH organization (check our website, www.reach-chicago.org, for a list of member schools);
- reside in the greater Chicagoland area;
- be a US citizen or permanent resident;
- be eligible to receive the REACH Scholarship per your institution’s financial aid guidelines;
- Undergraduate students** must have earned the equivalent of a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale and have completed a minimum of 12 semester hours or 15 quarter hours of college level credit at time of application;
- Graduate students** must have earned the equivalent of a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 on 4.0 scale based on the last half of baccalaureate credit hours **or** based on 12 semester hours or 15 quarter hours of graduate level credit.

All applications must be postmarked no later than April 1st, 2017. **Incomplete applications and those received after the deadline will not be considered.** Up to six (6) \$1,000-\$2,000 scholarships may be awarded. If you are selected as a recipient, the scholarship check will be sent to the school by the end of August 2017. Recipients of the “Carolyn Cooney REACH Your Goals” Scholarship Program will be informed by May 15, 2017, and will be invited to attend our annual Professional Development Day and Scholarship Luncheon where we make the awards presentation to be held June 2017.

Please direct any questions to: scholarships@reach-chicago.org

Please submit your completed application form with all supporting documents to:

REACH Scholarship Committee
PO Box 4197
Wheaton, IL 60189-4197

TYPED ESSAY SECTION

In 500 typed words or less, tell us about *yourself and your personal and career goals*. *Explain how a college education will help you reach your goals and why this scholarship is important to you.*

TO BE CONSIDERED, YOUR APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- completed application form (see next page);
- typed essay (2 copies);
- one official (closed and sealed) college transcript(s) **for each school attended**;
- one letter of recommendation from a faculty member or employer familiar with your work and interests;
- one photocopy of acceptance letter from the college/university you will be attending in Fall 2017 if Fall of 2017 will be your first semester in your program. If you are already registered or a current student, a transcript showing your registered (in progress) classes will work as verification;
- resume or complete work history;
- self-addressed stamped envelope

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Name _____ Student ID Number, if known _____

Street Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

Daytime Telephone (____) _____ Evening Telephone (____) _____

E-mail Address _____ Date of Birth _____

Name and address of college/university in which you will be enrolled for fall term 2010:

Please circle your degree program for Fall 2017: Associate Degree Bachelor Degree Masters Degree Doctorate/Professional Degree
 Certificate Program
 Expected Graduation Date _____

Total number of credits required for program completion _____ Semester or Quarter System
 (Circle system)

List **all** college experience below. Attach separate sheet if necessary.

School	Dates Attended	Field of Study	Credits Completed	GPA

Are you a U.S.citizen? Yes ___ No___ If no, are you a legal resident? Yes___ No___

Are you currently employed? Yes___ No___ If yes, are you employed full-time () or part-time ()?

List name, address and telephone number of your employer:

What is your current title/position?

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IS CORRECT AND THAT I WILL USE ANY REACH SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS RECEIVED TOWARDS THE COST OF ATTENDANCE AT THE INSTITUTION LISTED ABOVE.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

The scholarship decisions are based on a panel of judges made up of current REACH members. All decisions are final. REACH does not discriminate against race, religion, individuals with disabilities, sexual or gender orientations and is open to inclusive participation to all people who meet the above criteria.