



ILGISA Educational Endowment Fund

ILGISA has established scholarships for undergraduate seniors or first year graduate students at Illinois colleges and universities. To be eligible, the recipient may be from any discipline but must be working on projects that use GIS as part of their research or thesis. Students are awarded a onetime \$1,000.00 scholarship and are required to present their work at the annual ILGISA Spring Conference. The scholarships are awarded each March (announced at the Spring Conference) for the following summer or fall.

Please support the Illinois students who are studying to become members of your profession. They may be graduates of any of the accredited related programs in Illinois. These individuals may be your future employees!

I would like to make the following donation to be earmarked for the ILGISA Higher Education Scholarship Endowment Fund:

\$ _____ OR

I agree to contribute the following funds toward the ILGISA Higher Education Scholarship Endowment Fund (circle one)

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| Compass | \$10,000 |
| Path Finder | \$5,000 |
| Directional | \$2,000 |
| Satellite | \$1,000 |

of which may be paid over five years, at \$ _____ each year *or* paid in full on this date _____.

Name _____

Company _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

E-mail _____ Signature _____

Checks only, please: mail your check, payable to ILGISA Educational Endowment Fund, to:

ILGISA
1120 East Diehl Road
Naperville, IL 60563



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Investing in the future of GIS Technology and Applications

Endowment Mission:

To promote higher education in Geographic Information Systems and Geographical-related courses by funding an endowment

Endowment Objectives:

- To build a fund sufficient to award scholarships from the endowment interest
- To ultimately raise **\$100,000.00**
- To begin supporting Illinois resident students studying for industry careers in accredited Illinois colleges and universities when the first **\$33,000** is raised
- To maintain a perpetual fund where the principal remains intact
- To commit 99¢ of every \$1 to scholarships – all administrative costs are being paid by the Illinois GIS Association

Contribution pledges may be paid over a five-year period. Early receipts facilitate early disbursements and are greatly appreciated. Contributions may be restricted to the ILGISA Educational Endowment Fund

Endowment Levels:

Platinum Compass \$10,000

- Upon payment in full, may name a scholarship
- May assist in the establishment of criteria for their particular scholarship
 - Will receive a special commemorative plaque
 - Will be featured in GIS Notes newsletter and on website
 - Will be recognized in a press release with photo
- **Founding members are those who pledge \$10,000 by December 31, 2009**

Gold Path Finder \$5,000

- Will receive a special commemorative plaque
- Will be featured in GIS Notes newsletter and on website
- Will be recognized in a press release with photo

Silver Directional \$2,000

- Will receive a special commemorative plaque
- Will be featured in GIS Notes newsletter and on website
 - Will be recognized in a press release

Bronze Satellite \$1,000

- Will receive a special commemorative certificate
- Will be featured in GIS Notes newsletter and on website
 - Will be recognized in a press release



ATTENTION Undergraduate Students or First-Year Graduate Students

If you will be an undergraduate student or a first-year graduate student at an Illinois College or University in **TBD**, and are doing a GIS project or research, you are eligible to receive this \$1,000 scholarship sponsored by the Illinois GIS Association (ILGISA). Scholarship funds are to be used exclusively for qualified education expenses which include tuition and fees; and course-related expenses such as books, supplies, and equipment.

TO APPLY:

Please submit the following information:

1. Name
2. Address
3. Phone number & email address
4. A project proposal that explains how GIS will be used in your research
5. Name, phone and email of advisor on research project
6. Two letters of recommendation supporting both the student and the proposal enclosed in a sealed envelope signed across the envelope flap
7. A statement of financial need
8. Proof of enrollment and courses

Applications MUST be received by the **31st of March, TBD.
Submit your application to:**

**ILGISA
Scholarship Applications
1120 East Diehl Road, Naperville**

Applications will be forwarded to the selection committee and recipients will be contacted in writing by **April 10th, TBD**. Recipients will have the following school year to develop their research and will receive a free conference registration and invitation to present the results of their work at the **TBD** ILGISA Spring Conference.



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The purpose of this fund is to provide one or more scholarships in the amount of \$1,000.00 to be awarded each year to an undergraduate student or a first-year graduate student attending any Illinois College or University.

1. **Basic Requirements.** The selection of the scholarship recipient shall be based on the following criteria:
 - Recipient must be an undergraduate student or a first-year graduate student in good standing for the semester during which the student intends to use this award, but need not be registered during the summer. Graduate program deficiencies are acceptable if progress toward completion is being made.
 - Recipient must be working on a project that uses GIS as part of their thesis or research.
 - Recipient may come from any discipline.
 - Project must have reasonable chance of completion in 1 year or less.
 - Strength of GIS component of thesis or research is more important than financial need. Financial need may be used as secondary criterion.
 - Recipient may not have received this award previously.
 - Recipient must present at the related ILGISA Spring Conference

**Proposals are to be mailed to:
ILGISA
Scholarship Applications
1120 East Diehl Road, Naperville**

They must be received NO LATER than 31 March, TBD.

2. **Selection Process.** Recipients will be recommended by the Scholarship Committee to the ILGISA Board. The Scholarship Committee shall consist of:
 - Two members of the ILGISA Educational Endowment Fund Board of Directors
 - One member of the ILGISA Education Committee.
 - One member of the ILGISA Board selected by the ILGISA President.
 - One College or University-affiliated ILGISA member appointed by the ILGISA President.
3. **Payment.** Upon final decision by the selection committee and approval by the ILGISA Board, the ILGISA Board President will write a letter to the scholarship recipient that indicates the individual has been selected and invite the recipient to present the results of their work at the ILGISA Conference the following spring. ILGISA will waive the recipient's cost of registration at that conference. To receive the scholarship payment, the University/College sponsor must provide two copies of a letter to the ILGISA Board with reference to the "ILGISA Educational Endowment Fund", and include the following information:
 - Student's name and Social Security number
 - Name of the institution
 - Semester during which student will use the award (summer, fall or spring)
 - Contact information regarding where the funds are to be deposited towards the student's expenses at the College/University.
 - The scholarship shall be awarded each April for the following summer, fall and/or spring semester. The award shall be paid directly to the university or college that the scholarship recipient is attending. The scholarship may only be applied to tuition, fees, books, and supplies.