

Student Success Initiative Scholarship FAQs

Q: What is the Student Success Initiative Scholarship?

A: The Student Success Initiative Scholarship was created by CADL to help two graduating high school seniors, who have an SSI account, with any college-related expenses.

Q: How is the scholarship being funded?

A: The scholarship is being funded by donations through Kroger Community Rewards and a generous donation from the Capital Area Transportation Authority (CATA). **No library funds are being used to fund the scholarship.**

Q: How much is the scholarship and how many recipients will there be?

A: CADL will select two recipients, who will each receive a \$1,000 scholarship. **This is a one-time scholarship.**

Q: Who is eligible to receive an SSI Scholarship?

A: To be eligible for an SSI Scholarship, applicants must meet **all** the following criteria:

1. Must be a high school senior graduating this year
2. Must have a 2.5 or higher GPA when they apply
3. Must have an SSI account that has been used at least one time within the last year
4. Must be attending an accredited college, university or vocational school in the fall after high school graduation.

Q: What activities count as SSI accounts use?

A: Any activity that requires your library card to use the first- or every time. This includes checking out digital and physical titles, using CADL digital resources (but does not include most MeL databases) and using library public use computers.

Q: Is there anyone who isn't eligible to receive a scholarship?

A: Employees of CATA and CADL and their immediate family members (parents, stepparents, siblings, spouses, in-laws, children, stepchildren and foster children) are not eligible for this scholarship.

Q: How do I apply for an SSI Scholarship?

A: To apply for an SSI Scholarship, you must fill out the official online application and write a 500-1,000-word essay answering the question, "How would you define success?"

Q: Where can I download the official online application?

A: You can download the official online application at www.cadl.org/success.

Q: What materials do I need to submit to be considered for an SSI Scholarship?

A: You must submit **all three** of the following documents to be considered for an SSI scholarship:

1. Official online application
2. Essay
3. Copy of unofficial high school transcript

Q: How can I submit my application, essay and unofficial transcripts?

A: You can submit your application and accompanying materials in one of the following ways:

1. Email them to scholarship@cadl.org.
2. Mail them to Capital Area District Libraries, Attn. SSI Scholarship, 401 S. Capitol Ave. Lansing, MI 48933
3. Drop them off at CADL Administrative Offices (third floor of Downtown Lansing Branch) 401 S. Capitol Ave.

Q: What is the deadline to apply for the scholarship?

A: The official application, required essay and unofficial high school transcript must be received by **5 p.m. on April 14, 2023**.

Q: When can I expect to know if I received a scholarship?

A: You will be notified by CADL by June 9, 2023 if you were selected to receive a scholarship.

Q: How do I find out if I have an SSI account?

A: Just visit our Student Success Initiative webpage (www.cadl.org/success)

Q: Where can I learn more about the Student Success Initiative and the Student Success Initiative Scholarship?

A: You can learn more at www.cadl.org/success.