



How to Apply for and Earn an Invest Scholarship



- Each year, Invest awards scholarships to Invest graduates pursuing higher education in insurance or risk management, or with the intention of entering an insurance-related position.
- Or... those going straight from the classroom to career can use the award for licensing or designation fees.

Invest Scholarships

Scholarship Details

- Scholarships ranged from \$1,000 to \$3,000.
- The dollars must be claimed by August 31. Scholarship can't be held for future use.
- Only seniors, graduates and current Invest community college students are eligible for scholarship dollars.
- Underclassmen who complete Invest are encouraged to apply in their senior year.





Three Types of Scholarships

1. **Classroom to Career** – Available to students not interested in college study but would like to use scholarship funds toward insurance licensing fees or designations. Available year round.
2. **Higher Education** – Available to students pursuing an advanced education with plans to pursue insurance related careers.
Deadline – check website for exact date.
3. **Second Round** – Available to all previous Invest Scholarship recipients who are currently enrolled and have completed at 3 semesters of college. Degree must relate to an insurance career path and graduates must be willing to explore an insurance career after graduation.

REDBIRD Risk Management Challenge

— Invest Scholarship —

What is it?

- A one-week summer program at Illinois State University that brings together 20 selected rising high school seniors to form teams to assume the roles of senior level management, developing and implementing strategies that navigate a mine field of potential disasters.

Who can apply?

- Students who have participated in Invest and are rising juniors entering their senior year in high school.

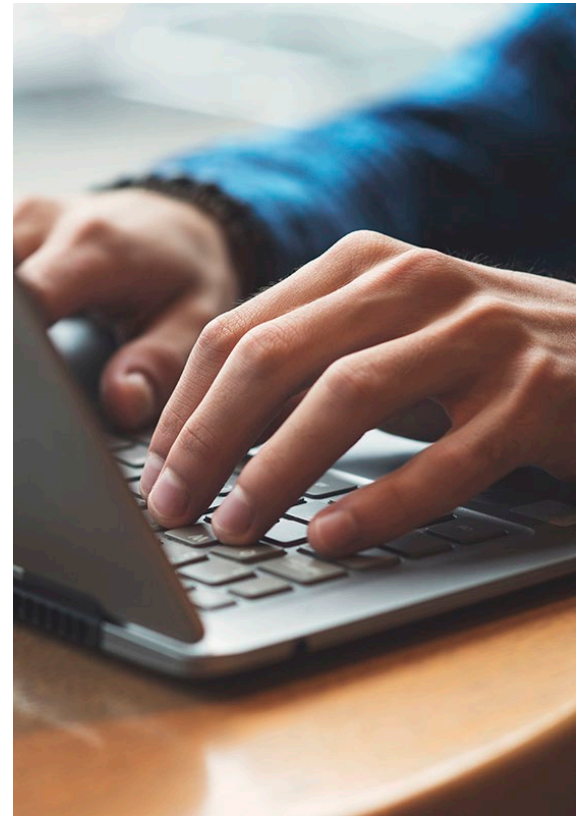
What Does It Cover?

- Invest offers scholarships to current Invest students who have been accepted into the [Redbird Risk Management](#) Challenge at the Katie School of Insurance at Illinois State to cover transportation costs (up to \$400) to attend the event.
- Participating students also receive a scholarship from Katie School that covers the costs associated with participating including room and board for the duration of the event.



Online Application Process

- Online process makes it fast and easy to apply
- You can return to your application at any time using the username and password you created to add information (i.e., transcripts, letters of recommendation)





How it Works

- Go to www.investprogram.org/scholarships and click on “Apply Here”
- Create a username and password following the instructions
- Walk through the online process, answer questions and input information as requested (**note: Invest** does not share or distribute your information to outside sources)
- Write your essay in a word document for easy proofing, then copy and paste it into the text box within the online tool (**note: it will not allow you to enter more than 500 words**)
SO MAKE SURE YOUR ESSAY DOESN’T GET CUT OFF WITH TOO MANY WORDS.
- Upload PDF files of your transcript, two letters of recommendation and class (or portrait) photo.
- If you are under the age of 18, you will also need to upload the parent permission form.



Before Completing the Process

- You can **save** your scholarship application and materials and go back to them later to update / add information.
- Once you **submit** your application, you will not be able to change it.

Save

Submit



Writing the Essay

A **500 word** typewritten essay which should include details on the following:

- The benefits of having participated in **Invest**
- Plans for further education / licensing and how these plans were influenced by **Invest**
- Other activities that demonstrate the student's interests and abilities – like academic honor societies, sports, extracurricular activities, internships, after-school jobs, etc.

Writing the Essay

- Proofread the essay for grammar, spelling and punctuation.
- If you're not majoring in insurance, be sure you include what direction you plan to take in the insurance industry (i.e., marketing for an insurance firm).
- If you have a moving story to share about your experiences with Invest, please **include**. Anything to make the essay stick out from the rest of the applicants.

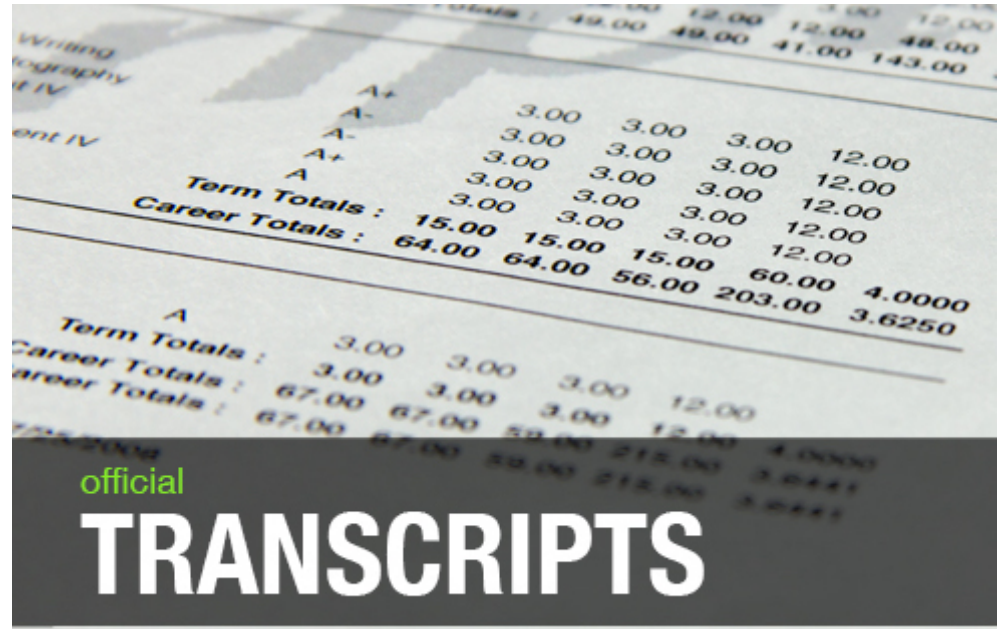




Letters of Recommendation

- Applicants **must** obtain original recommendation letters from teachers, **Invest** volunteers, employers, mentors, etc. Only two are needed. Submitting less will result in deduction of points.
- **Invest** recommends at least one letter is from their **Invest** teacher or volunteer and highlights their leadership skills.

- Applicants **must** include a copy of their school transcripts, indicating their GPA.



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