



From the Desk of Matt Eddy  
Director of Communications  
107<sup>th</sup> District State Representative John Cavaletto

**Memorandum**

February 1, 2010

**To: 107th District Superintendents of Schools, Principals, and Guidance Counselors**

**Re: Illinois General Assembly Scholarships for the 2010-2011 School Year**

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that Representative John Cavaletto's office will offer 8 one year tuition waiver General Assembly Scholarships for the 2010-2011 School Year. These scholarships may only be used at a four-year state University in Illinois. They cannot be used at community colleges, at private colleges or universities, or at out-of-state institutions.

Scholarship recipients will be chosen based on merit and financial need. Recipients of this tuition waiver will not be chosen based on political affiliation or influence. Representative Cavaletto, who will not be choosing the recipients, is entrusting the responsibility of evaluating candidates and awarding the scholarships to a qualified group of 9 community leaders from varying business and education backgrounds.

The committee utilizes a scoring system designed to select the top candidates in an unbiased fashion. Financial need, academic excellence, school and community involvement and written expression are evaluated.

The General Assembly Scholarship program, as conducted by Representative Cavaletto, is a great opportunity for students that possess a record of academic excellence and/or demonstrate significant financial need.

Please copy and distribute applications to students that are interested. We are looking forward to hearing from and selecting deserving students for the 2010-2011 School Year.

Your help in distributing the enclosed applications is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Matt Eddy  
Director of Communications  
107th District State Representative John Cavaletto

## **Illinois General Assembly Scholarship – Application Packet**

This year, State Representative John Cavaletto will be awarding eight, one-year full tuition scholarships to be used during the 2010-2011 school year at any four-year state university in Illinois. These scholarships cannot be used at community colleges, at private colleges or universities, or at out-of-state institutions.

Applications are reviewed and ranked by a scholarship committee. The committee ranks applicants based upon merit and financial need.

While a student may be awarded more than one General Assembly Scholarship during his or her college career, preference will be given to those who have not previously received a General Assembly Scholarship from Representative Cavaletto.

Applications will be accepted with dates postmarked prior to and including April 1, 2010. Applications may be also be hand delivered to the district office in Salem no later than 4:30 p.m. on April 1, 2010. An impartial special General Assembly Scholarship Committee of local business and education leaders will receive and review all applications and independently select eight (8) one-year, full tuition scholarship recipients. All applicants will be notified of their status once the committee has reached consensus.

You may obtain additional applications by contacting Representative Cavaletto's office. Applications are also available online at [www.johncavaletto.com](http://www.johncavaletto.com). The application may be completed and printed on-line or printed and then completed by hand. Adobe Reader is required.

### **Procedure Checklist**

To be considered for the General Assembly Scholarship, the student must:

- 1) Live within the 107th Representative District.
- 2) Fully complete the enclosed application.
- 3) Fully complete the 'Consent to Publish' form located on the back page of this packet.
- 4) Submit three (3) letters of reference.
- 5) Submit all high school and college transcripts.
- 6) Submit a written essay expressing how participation in extracurricular activities has contributed to the applicant's overall educational experience.

### **All materials must be returned to:**

**State Representative John Cavaletto  
General Assembly Scholarship Committee  
Attn: Matt Eddy  
1370 W. Main Street, Suite A  
P.O. Box 1264  
Salem, IL 62881**

**State Representative John Cavaletto**

**General Assembly Scholarship Application**

**2010 – 2011 School Year**

**I. Personal Information:**

A. Legal Name \_\_\_\_\_

B. Address \_\_\_\_\_

(Street)

(City)

(Zip)

C. Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

D. County \_\_\_\_\_ Township \_\_\_\_\_

E. Age \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ SS# \_\_\_\_\_

F. State Rep. District \_\_\_\_\_. Please verify your representative district with your county clerk's office or at [www.elections.state.il.us/dls/pages/SelectOfficialSearch.asp](http://www.elections.state.il.us/dls/pages/SelectOfficialSearch.asp)

**II. Educational Background:**

**A. High School**

1. High School Currently Attending (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

2. Guidance Counselor \_\_\_\_\_ Office Phone \_\_\_\_\_

3. Graduation Year \_\_\_\_\_ Class rank after 7th semester: \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ students.

4. GPA after 7th semester \_\_\_\_\_ An A is worth \_\_\_\_\_ points.

5. ACT Composite Score \_\_\_\_\_ SAT Scores \_\_\_\_\_

**B. College**

1. College currently attending (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

2. Year in college in 2010-2011 \_\_\_\_\_ College GPA (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

3. College you plan to attend in 2010-2011 \_\_\_\_\_

4. Have you been accepted? \_\_\_\_\_ Major \_\_\_\_\_

**III. Extra Curricular Activities – High School, Community, Church, College**

Please list the activities you participated in while in high school and college: (You may further elaborate on these in your required essay.)

IV. **Family Information:**

1. Father/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

A. Occupation & Employer \_\_\_\_\_

2. Mother/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

A. Occupation & Employer \_\_\_\_\_

3. With whom do you live? \_\_\_\_\_

4. Supporting parent's name and address if different from applicant's \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

5. Names and ages of siblings \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

6. Spouse's Name (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

A. Occupation & Employer \_\_\_\_\_

7. Name any immediate family members currently enrolled in college, their relationship to you, the college they will be attending in 2010-2011 and if full or part time:

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\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

V. **Prior Scholarship Information:**

1. Have you ever received a General Assembly Scholarship? \_\_\_\_\_  
(Note: If you have already received a General Assembly Scholarship, you are **not** disqualified from consideration)
  
2. If yes, when and from whom? \_\_\_\_\_

**VI. Financial Information - Annual Family Income**

Note: This information must come from the parent/guardian 2009 Internal Revenue Service Federal Income Tax Return Form 1040, 1040A, 1040EZ or 1040 Telefile (due April 15, 2010).

1. Parent/guardian's adjusted gross income for 2009 \_\_\_\_\_ (Adjusted gross income is on IRS form 1040-line 33; 1040A-line 18; or 1040EZ-line 4)
2. Applicant's adjusted gross income for 2009. (As reported to the IRS) \_\_\_\_\_
3. Income received from pension or disability payments \_\_\_\_\_
4. Employment plans for 2010-2011 school year \_\_\_\_\_
5. Please provide any relevant information regarding economic hardships or other considerations which will help the committee understand why you need a General assembly Scholarship. You may attach an addendum to this application if you are in need of further writing room:

NOTE: If you completed a "Free Application for Federal Student Aid: July 1, 2010 – 2011 School Year" (Form 1840 – 0110) for federal student grants, work-study money and have received your "2010 – 2011 Student Aid Report (SAR) Federal Student Aid Programs Part 1 – Information Summary" then this may be submitted in place of 'A', 'B', 'C' above.

I hereby affirm that the above application information is correct to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### **Important Reminder**

Please review the checklist on page **one** to be certain you have submitted all required materials; an incomplete application will not be considered for review.

Applications must be postmarked no later than the end of the business day April 1, 2010, or they must be hand delivered to Representative Cavaletto's district office in Salem no later than 4:30 p.m. April 1, 2010.

**Please return completed applications to:**

**State Representative John Cavaletto  
General Assembly Scholarship Committee  
Attn: Matt Eddy  
1370 W. Main Street, Suite A  
P.O. Box 1264  
Salem, IL 62881**

**Ph: 618-548-9080**

**Consent to Publish Form**

State Representative John Cavaletto  
General Assembly Scholarship Application |  
2010 – 2011 School Year

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Major Field of Study: \_\_\_\_\_

College or University: \_\_\_\_\_

In the event that I am selected to receive an Illinois General Assembly Scholarship, I hereby give my consent to State Representative John Cavaletto to disclose any of the above information to radio, television, print or other media for publication.

I understand that failure to complete and submit this consent form with my application by April 1, 2010, will result in an incomplete application and the application will not be reviewed.

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_