

TO: Business Professionals of America Illinois Association Members

FROM: BPA Illinois Association Scholarship Committee

RE: 2026 BPA Illinois Association Scholarships

If you are a student/member with Junior or Senior status with a "C" average or above, competing at the State level in a competitive event (in order to qualify for State Association scholarships), attending a Post-Secondary Institution within one-year of high school graduation, and are interested in a scholarship to assist in continuing your education, there are several scholarships available for which you may apply. You will be considered for all of the following scholarships; however, you may only receive one Illinois Association Scholarship as listed below.

***Business Professionals of America Illinois Association Scholarships***

**Rita Brake Leadership Scholarship -- \$500.00**

**(Open to all current Chapter Officers)**

The scholarship money will be awarded after completing one semester or one quarter of Post-Secondary education and upon submission of BPA IL Association Form Scholarship 13 with an **official transcript** from the Post-Secondary Institution.

**Paul Condon Memorial Scholarship -- \$500.00**

**(Open to all current members competing at SLC)**

The scholarship money will be awarded after completing one semester or one quarter of Post-Secondary education and upon submission of BPA IL Association Form Scholarship 13 with an **official transcript** from the Post-Secondary Institution.

**Quam Gbajabiamila Memorial Scholarship -- \$500.00**

**(Open to all current members competing at SLC)**

The scholarship money will be awarded after completing one semester or one quarter of Post-Secondary education and upon submission of BPA IL Association Form Scholarship 13 with an **official transcript** from the Post-Secondary Institution.

**Debbie Paul Memorial Scholarship -- \$100.00 (No Application Necessary)**

**(Awarded to the 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner – Basic Office Systems & Procedures)**

The scholarship money will be awarded after competing in the Basic Office Systems & Procedures Event during the National Leadership Conference and completing one semester or one quarter of Post-Secondary education and upon submission of BPA IL Association Form Scholarship 13 with an **official transcript** from the Post-Secondary Institution.

Please complete the on-line BPA IL Association Scholarship Application, if you qualify (as stated in paragraph one) and you are interested in any of the above scholarships.

**Scholarship Link/QR Code:** <https://tinyurl.com/ILBPAScholarship2026>



**Mail the Official high school transcript and one-page letter of recommendation (for a teacher/advisor, counselor, or school administrator) to:**

Beth Brilowski, BPA  
Stevenson High School  
One Stevenson Drive  
Lincolnshire, IL 60069

**NOTE TO ADVISORS:** The link to the Scholarship Application is located above and will be published in the Monday Memo.

**ONLY ELECTRONICALLY COMPLETED APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED.**

The following conditions must be met:

1. The Online Application must be submitted no later than February 1, 2026. Handwritten or printed applications will not be accepted.
2. An **official school transcript** with grades through the Junior year (for Seniors) and Sophomore year (for Juniors) must be mailed, along with a one-page letter of recommendation from a teacher/advisor, counselor, or school administrator.
3. The required documents must be postmarked no later than February 1, 2026.
4. Send required documents to the address as stated above.