



University Center Scholarship Paraprofessional Fellowship Application

Deadline: May 30th by 4:59 pm

The University Center of Lake County offers scholarships to students pursuing higher education through one of our member institutions during the 2024 – 2025 academic year. Applicants will be evaluated on the following areas: academic record, financial need, service to community, school activities, letters of recommendation, and response to the essay question.

I. STUDENT INFORMATION (Print)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone Number: (Day) _____ (Evening) _____

E-Mail Address: _____

What is your parent’s highest level of education? _____

Which district do you work in Lake County as a Paraprofessional? _____

II. DEMOGRAPHICS: (While information is required, but will not be part of the decision-making process)

Ethnicity:

American Indian / Alaska Native (AIA) Asian / Pacific Islander (API)

Black Non-Hispanic (BNH) Hispanic (HSP)

White Non-Hispanic (WNH) Multi-Racial

Choose Not to Respond (CNR)

Age Range:

18 – 21 _____	44 –48 _____
22 – 26 _____	49 –53 _____
27 – 29 _____	54 –58 _____
30 – 33 _____	59 –63 _____
34 – 38 _____	64 + _____
39 – 43 _____	Choose Not to Respond (CNR) _____

Gender: _____ Female _____ Male _____ Choose Not to Respond

III. SCHOOL INFORMATION

Level: Graduate _____ Undergraduate _____

Name of university/college you are currently attending: _____

Name of University Center Council Member university/college you plan to attend: _____

Enrollment Status: Full Time _____ Part Time _____

Planned Major: _____

Anticipated Start Date: _____ Expected Date of Graduation: _____

Do you qualify to apply for Federal Financial Aid Assistance? YES _____ NO _____

What is your expected family contribution? _____

IV. AWARDS OR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

V. COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES
(Name, Start and End Dates)

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

VI. TWO LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATIONS

These should be typed on letterhead stationery and included with the application packet.
Name(s) of those who are providing the letters of recommendations for you.

- _____
- _____

VII. ESSAY

Please attach a 300-word essay, typed and double spaced, describing your future goals, the significance of being a teacher, reasons for pursuing teaching, school-community connections, and what it means to be a University Center student. We are looking for a well written essay and will consider grammar, content, and your compelling argument.

To the best of my knowledge, the information provided on this form is correct. I hereby authorize the University Center of Lake County to take, reproduce and use photographs and/or video footage of me, for use of advertising, publicity, commercial or other business purposes (e.g., the University Center website, newsletters, social media etc.).

I understand this authorization will be in effect until revoked in writing and I have read and fully understand the terms of this release.

Applicants Name (Printed): _____

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Scholarship Policy

The University Center of Lake County awards a scholarship to students who reside or work in Lake County and who are pursuing their undergraduate / graduate program at a University Center member university.

All scholarship recipients will be invited to attend the Scholarship Awards Ceremony, if unable to attend the recipient should arrange for a representative to attend in their place.

The full scholarship amount shall be paid directly to the bursar/financial aid office of the school the student is attending and will be applied towards tuition and fees.

Scholarship Eligibility Requirements

To be considered for a University Center of Lake County scholarship, you must meet the following criteria:

- Must be a Paraprofessional currently working in Lake County District.
- Accepted into a University Center Member's University Undergraduate or Graduate program.
- Submit a 300-word essay on future goals, the significance of being a teacher, reasons for pursuing teaching, school-community connections, and what it means to be a University Center student.
- Provide two letters of recommendation.
- Submit a Financial-FAFSA EFC (Expected Family Contribution) statement.
- Reside or work in Lake County
- Include the most recent college transcripts.

How to Apply

To apply, please do as follows:

1. Download Paraprofessional Fellowship scholarship application from www.ucenter.org.
2. Fully complete the application, attach required documents, and scan as a PDF.
3. Send transcripts.
4. Proof of admission to the University Center member university of your choice.
5. Submit ONLY two letters of recommendations provided by people not related to the applicant on letterhead and with an original signature. Letters not to exceed one page.
6. Submit a 250-word essay, typed and double spaced and describe yourself, why you are returning to school, your future goals, leadership, community service, and what it means to be a University Center student.

Please e-mail completed application and all supporting materials to: Scholarships@ucenter.org

Please Note: It is the student's responsibility that all documents are sent to the University Center of Lake County as required and in a timely manner. Incomplete applications packets or packets received after the deadline will not be notified about missing documents.

How the Scholarship is awarded:

- A selection committee, made up of University Center Board members, will review the scholarship applications.
- The committee will apply the included rubric to qualify the applicants.
- The highest scoring students will be awarded scholarships.
- Incomplete applications will not be given consideration.
- The winners will be officially notified by the University Center Executive Director and Dean.
- The Scholarship money will be sent directly to the school of the student's choice.
- Winner(s) will be required to submit a photograph and short bio for posting on the University Center's website, scholarship page, and other promotional materials.
- Students who do not qualify for the scholarship will be given a list of other potential scholarships.