

**FOIA Request**

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Robert Miller  
General Counsel  
Blair Hall - Room 2102  
600 Lincoln Avenue  
Charleston, IL 61920

Dear Mr. Miller,

Pursuant to the state open records law, 5 Ill. Comp. Stat. 140/1 to 140/11.5, I write to request access to information regarding scholarship amounts and grants in aid distributed here at Eastern Illinois University. In particular, we are seeking the following information in formatted columns in a Microsoft Excel document – name of student receiving the scholarship (first and last name) and total money awarded for each scholarship– for both the Fall 2011 and Spring 2012 semesters.

We believe that the public has a right to know of this information because since it is school funds, it should be public knowledge. We want to evaluate how these funds are distributed and believe obtaining this information would be helpful in this process. You may submit the information in separate documents, by semester, if that is easier. If your agency does not maintain these public records, please let me know who does and include the proper custodian's name and address.

I agree to pay any reasonable copying and postage fees of not more than \$10. If the cost would be greater than this amount, please notify me. Please provide a receipt indicating the charges for each document.

As provided by the open records law, I will expect your response within five (5) working days.  
See 5 Ill. Comp. Stat. 140/3(c).

If you choose to deny this request, please provide a written explanation for the denial including a reference to the specific statutory exemption (s) upon which you rely. Also, please provide all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material.

Please be advised that I am prepared to pursue whatever legal remedy necessary to obtain access to the requested records. I would note that willful violation of the open records law can result in the award of reasonable attorney' fees. See 5 Ill. Comp. Stat. 140/11(i).

Thank you for your assistance.  
Sincerely,  
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