



## CHICAGO STATE UNIVERSITY

### University-Wide Undergraduate Awards 69<sup>th</sup> Annual Honors Convocation 2025-2026 Academic Year

**Application Deadline: Monday, March 2, 2026**

All qualified **undergraduate** students are encouraged to apply for the university-wide awards listed below. Students receiving awards will be recognized at the 69th Annual Honors Convocation which will be held in person on Thursday, April 16, 2026, 6:00-8:00 pm, and any student receiving an award is expected to attend this ceremony. Students may apply for more than one award by submitting separate applications. Applicants should ensure that they meet the general and specific criteria for each award(s) to which they apply. **All completed applications are due by Monday, March 2, 2026 – please submit the online form available on the Honors Convocation [website](#).**



#### List of University-Wide Undergraduate Awards

1. The President's Cup Award (Outstanding Graduating Senior)
2. Student Achievement Award
3. Outstanding Senior Scholar Award
4. Outstanding Junior Scholar Award
5. Outstanding Sophomore Scholar Award
6. Outstanding Freshman Scholar Award

#### General Criteria for All University-Wide Undergraduate Awards

1. You must be a full-time undergraduate student at the time of application, and you must have been continuously enrolled as a full-time student since you began your studies at the university. (The only exception to this criterion is for graduating seniors who need less than a full-time schedule in their final semester in order to complete their required courses for graduation.)
2. You must have demonstrated service to the university.
3. You must have demonstrated service to your fellow students.
4. You must provide a detailed description of your noteworthy achievement(s).
5. You must include a letter of recommendation from one CSU faculty member (professor).
6. You must be able to participate in the Honors Convocation.



### **Specific Criteria for Each Award**

Applicants for the **President's Cup** must:

- Be a senior (have 90+ total credit hours completed) at the start of the 2025-26 academic year.
- Have applied for and be eligible to graduate in May 2026 or have graduated previously in the current academic year in December 2025.
- Have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher.
- Be willing and able to be interviewed by the president of Chicago State University.

Applicants for the **Student Achievement Award** must:

- Be an enrolled undergraduate student (any year) in the 2025-26 academic year.
- Have a cumulative GPA 3.0 or higher.
- Have demonstrated significant achievement(s) while overcoming obstacles, challenges, or barriers OR have demonstrated significant achievement(s) with unique personal or professional experience(s)

Applicants for **Outstanding Senior Scholar Award** must:

- Be a senior (have 90+ total credit hours completed) at the start of the 2025-26 academic year.
- Have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher.

Applicants for **Outstanding Junior Scholar Award** must:

- Be a junior (have 60-89 total credit hours completed) at the start of the 2025-26 academic year.
- Have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher.

Applicants for **Outstanding Sophomore Scholar Award** must:

- Be a sophomore (have 30-59 total credit hours completed) at the start of the 2025-26 academic year.
- Have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher.

Applicants for **Outstanding Freshman Scholar Award** must:

- Be a freshman (have 0-29 total credit hours completed) at the start of the 2025-26 academic year.
- Have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher.