

Who has applied for the Peace and Education College Scholarship in May, 2009?

**61 students enrolled in colleges and universities
have applied for scholarships.**

Of those 61:

Gender?

35 are women.

26 are men.

Year in school?

20 are entering college this fall.

12 will be sophomores.

13 will be juniors.

14 will be seniors

2 are in graduate school.

What are their Majors or intended fields of study?

- 19 are studying in **Social Sciences** (Psychology, Social Work and Criminal Justice, American and Latin American Studies, Political Science, Sociology, and Anthropology)
- 13 are preparing in **Child Development and Education** (early childhood, elementary, middle, and secondary education)
- 5 are in the **Physical and Applied Health Sciences** (nursing, biochemistry, movement science, biomedical science, pre-med)
- 6 Are in **Technology** (computer science, information technology, animation)
- 6 are in **Business** (Accounting, management, finance, human resources, and marketing)
- 3 study in **Communications, Media, and Theater**
- 4 study **Architecture**
- 2 study **Humanities** (English, Journalism)
- 1 studies music
- 1 studies engineering
- 1 studies Automotives

“After taking an environmental science class in school, I developed a strong interest in the environment. I plan to be an activist for alternative energy so that we can make this country and this world a better place. By moving away from foreign oil, we relieve ourselves from the addiction it holds on us, and we are able to create an industry in alternative energy, creating new jobs and better lifestyles. If we are able to shut down some harmful power plants, we can add overall wellness for those who live around said plants to the list of benefits.

“I want to be able to make a difference in the world. Alternative energy is definitely a field that I am considering going into because of the way we can change our lifestyles now for the better. The biggest obstacle that I am facing is my financial situation. I come from a family that is struggling economically. We are constantly living pay check to pay check...”

- Jorge Viramontes, entering the University of Michigan this fall

What colleges or universities do they attend or will enter?

- 15 City Colleges of Chicago (Richard J. Daley, Harold Washington, Wright, Truman)
- 12 Public Illinois Universities in Chicago (UIC, Northeastern, Chicago State)
- 24 Private colleges and universities in Chicago (Loyola, De Paul, Illinois Institute of Technology, St. Xavier, National Louis, Chicago School of Professional Psychology, St. Augustine, University of Chicago, Roosevelt, and National University of Health Sciences)
- 5 Public Illinois Universities outside Chicago (Eastern Illinois, Northern Illinois, Western Illinois, Southern Illinois)
- 5 private university outside Illinois (Yale, Notre Dame, Marquette, University of Wisconsin—Milwaukee, University of Michigan)

“I had the choice of quitting school and finding a job or continuing my education but in a community college where the tuition would be more bearable. I chose to continue my education; I refused to surrender in defeat. I am the youngest of four and the first to go to college and so I will not let any obstacle come into my way of completing my goal. I do this not only for myself but for my mom whom I see in her eyes so much hope in having at least one of her children receive a university diploma before she reaches the end of her days. Thanks to the scholarship I was able to once again walk with ope that more and more people believe in my dream and that, in turn, gives me the strength to teach these youth that no matter how many times you might trip and fall there will always be people out there that are willing to put you back up and onto your feet; that even though a door may close a window will always be open.”

- Melissa Rodríguez, returning to UIC in her studies of Biochemistry

Sites for volunteer service in New City / Back of the Yards

(exceeds 61, because of multiple commitments)

- 42 at Holy Cross-Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish
- 7 at the Casa Catalina Basic Needs Center
- 5 at St. Joseph Parish
- 1 at Chávez Multicultural Arts Academy
- 1 at St. Michael Parish
- 5 through the Peace and Education Alternative High School
- 2 at the Back of the Yards Neighborhood Council
- 3 at Davis Square Park
- 3 at the Port Ministries
- 2 at Casa Tepeyac—Boys Town
- 1 at Instituto del Progreso Latino
- 1 at Catholic Charities Child Care Center
- 1 at Precious Blood Ministries
- 4 “at-large” projects serving the community as a whole

Most frequently mentioned service commitments were tutoring, mentoring and life skills education, recreation, religious education, social services, peer leadership, political action, advocacy, health services, clerical work, and the environment.

Nine applications have also been submitted for students attending private high schools.

“...Service is about empowering others to take a stand by inspiring them to make a change. I believe that every single human being has the right to be truly happy (not necessarily meaning to have lots of riches or luxuries). The same way, every kid in this community does too. As I have continued to give service I have noticed that the children need us as role models to let them know that they have a lot to be grateful for and therefore a lot to give to the world. They need to believe that they can go as far as they want in life and that happiness is not impossible to get, but that it takes effort....”

- Adriana Velázquez, entering her second year at Northeastern Illinois University