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FOR ENTREPRENEURIAL STUDIES**
Illinois State University

**The Means Center Scholarship (E-Scholar)
Extracurricular Activities and Experience Requirements**

One of the purposes of the Entrepreneurship/Small Business major is to give students a unique learning experience for those who aspire to start businesses or obtain employment in growth-oriented businesses. Although any student can participate in these activities, scholarship recipients should differentiate themselves from other students in the employment market. Learning what it takes to be an entrepreneur/small business owner goes past what is obtained in the classroom, extending to include extra-curricular activities. Below you will find suggested activities to assist you in this learning experience.

The following are required responsibilities for Means Scholarship recipients.

Freshmen and Sophomores:

- ✚ Membership in the CEO Club.
- ✚ Attendance at least at two meetings per semester.

Juniors and Seniors:

- ✚ Membership in the CEO Club and regular meeting attendance.
- ✚ Officer position in either the CEO Club or in a College of Business professional student organization.
- ✚ CEO Club Committee leader.
- ✚ Assist with planning/implementation of E-Day.
- ✚ Participation in the Business Plan Competition.

The following would require pre-approval:

- ✚ Shadow a small business owner for a day.
- ✚ Attend two meetings of a business consulting organization such as SCORE or the SBDC.
- ✚ Working with a consultant from SCORE in mentoring a business owner, either as an individual or part of a student team.

Upon completion of each applicable activity, the student must prepare a short, summative written report describing what was done and what was learned from each activity. These reports should become a part of the student's portfolio to be used in seeking employment in a growth-oriented company or in reflection when deciding to start their own business.