



22nd Annual Midwest High School Scholars Actuarial Academy for Underrepresented Groups



for mathematical–actuarial science careers
at Illinois State University
July 9th – July 14th, 2017!

A program designed especially for academically talented
African-American, Latino, and Native American high school students
who excel in mathematics, enjoy learning, and like to solve complicated problems.

Students who have a passion for mathematics and an appetite for knowledge may have what it takes to be an actuary – this program helps them decide if an actuarial career is a way for them to use their mathematical ability. The program helps explain what actuaries do, where they work, what they have in common, and if an actuarial career might be a good choice for your students. The students will meet and talk with actuaries, observe them at work, and learn how they, too, can become an actuary.

☆ **BENEFITS**

During the program, the students will:

- Gain an understanding of what actuaries do in the insurance and financial services industries
- Acquire knowledge of how they can use their mathematical ability in an actuarial career
- Receive information about career and job opportunities available in the actuarial profession
- Learn about professional organizations representing actuaries
- Develop personal contacts with actuaries and organizations that provide scholarships, internships, summer jobs, and mentors to help guide their careers
- Find out how they can become an actuary

☆ **SCHOLARSHIPS**

The Midwest High School Scholars Actuarial Academy for Underrepresented Groups provides, at no cost, on-campus room and board, field trips, and career information materials for students selected to attend the program. Each student also receives a \$200 stipend to cover transportation and incidental expenses. Special scholarship opportunities available in Illinois State University's Actuarial Program. Alumni of this program are eligible for a one-time \$300 scholarship upon enrollment in a recognized program of study of actuarial science in a college of their choice, or a one-time \$1,000 scholarship upon enrollment in the actuarial science sequence in the mathematics major at Illinois State University.

We also offer a one-time \$100 scholarship to a student who finishes the program, when this student takes, for the first time, a professional actuarial examination offered by the Society of Actuaries and/or the Casualty Actuarial Society.

☆ **SPECIAL FEATURES**

- Tour the Illinois State University campus
- Hear professional actuaries explain what they do
- Take field trips to observe actuaries at work
- Learn about Illinois State University's actuarial science and insurance programs and scholarships for minority students

☆ APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Enrollment is limited to 20-21 students. The applications will be available online at:

<http://business.illinoisstate.edu/katie/outreach/minority.shtml>. Completed applications, including a letter of recommendation from the student's mathematics teacher or principal and a grade transcript, must be submitted by April 1, 2017, to be considered for a scholarship to the program. Preference will be given to students who excel in mathematics, enjoy being intellectually challenged, and receive a lot of satisfaction out of applying their analytical skills to solve problems. We expect to be able to notify all applicants of their status by May 1, 2017.

☆ INSURANCE AND ACTUARIAL SCIENCE PROGRAMS

Illinois State University offers an insurance major and minor in the Department of Finance, Insurance, and Law in the College of Business. The major requires 24 semester hours and the minor 18 semester hours of coursework in life and health, property and liability, risk management, and financial planning. A major in actuarial science is offered through the Department of Mathematics. The curriculum prepares graduates to work in the insurance industry or as consultants dealing with the risk analysis of potential loss exposures. Insurance and actuarial science students also have an opportunity to complete an internship during their junior and/or senior years.

☆ ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY

Founded in 1857, Illinois State University is a public, coeducational, residential university serving more than 20,000 students. It is located in Normal, midway between Chicago and St. Louis, at the intersection of Interstate highways I-74, I-39, and I-55. The twin-city Bloomington-Normal area has a population of more than 100,000 and offers a variety of educational activities, programs and services for students. Major employers include State Farm Insurance and Country Insurance and Financial Services, where students will take field trips to observe actuaries at work as part of the Midwest High School Scholars Actuarial Academy for Underrepresented Groups.

☆ FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you have questions about the program, please contact us at:

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