

# The Run for Academic Success and Excellence

*“The run for success is a marathon, failure is not an option.”*

Dean of Students Office  
RASE Book Scholarship

The Run for Academic Success and Excellence (RASE) provides book scholarships to participants in the Mentoring, Academics, Scholarship and Achievement Initiative program, student employees in the Diversity Advocacy Office, and active members of the SGA ex-officio student organizations. RASE rewards students for their progress toward educational goals and academic achievements. Academic success for students is critical to the mission of Illinois State University and the Diversity Advocacy Office and this scholarship removes one of the barriers toward achieving this goal.

On October 12, 2008, Associate Dean of Students Rick Lewis ran and completed the Chicago Marathon, a grueling 26.2 mile test of endurance through the streets of Chicago. He finished the marathon in 4 hours, 19 minutes, and 36 seconds. Running the marathon is a metaphor for life for Rick. Preparation for the marathon involved four months of weekly runs in the heat and rain to train the body for the ultimate fitness test.

Throughout his training and his run, he envisioned students enduring the rigors of higher education to achieve a college degree despite obstacles and setbacks. The same kind of sacrifices necessary to complete a marathon is needed to graduate. It is with this intent that students are inspired to set goals, train hard, not quit, and perform at their highest potential.

By running the marathon he was able to raise scholarship funds. His goal is to inspire students to succeed by demonstrating a commitment to their academic progress through goal setting, hard work, sweat, and pain.

APPLICATION FORM  
**Run for Academic Success and Excellence Book Scholarship**

Name: (print name) \_\_\_\_\_ UID# \_\_\_\_\_

Campus address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_ Major \_\_\_\_\_

Total # of semester hours taken: \_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Expected graduation date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please TYPE your responses to the following questions using a separate sheet of paper and attach it to this form. Include your name on all attachments.**

1. List the campus programs, activities, and student organizations you have been involved in.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. List any other honors you received in high school or at Illinois State University.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. Write a 500-word essay describing your academic success and goals, including any sacrifices you made or obstacles you overcame. Attach to the application form.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. List two references. Please include their name, phone number, and e-mail addresses.

Please certify that you understand and meet all the qualifications for this scholarship by signing below. This authorizes the screening committee to review your academic and disciplinary standing at Illinois State University.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Completed application along with your responses must be returned to the Dean of Students Office, c/o RASE, Campus Box 3090 on or before February 23, 2009. For questions, please contact Rick Lewis at 438-2008.**