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## 2013-2014 Avery Brundage Scholarships Available

University of Illinois students who excel in both academics and athletics are encouraged to enter the 2013-2014 **Avery Brundage Scholarship** competition.

Paper applications will not be distributed. Instead, scholarship applications can be submitted online at <a href="www.usp.uillinois.edu/brundage">www.usp.uillinois.edu/brundage</a>. The website will be live on November 12, 2012. The deadline for submission is **Monday**, **February 11**, 2013.

Full-time University of Illinois students at the Chicago, Springfield, and Urbana campuses, including incoming freshmen, graduate and transfer students, may apply. Grant-in-aid recipients may be eligible for Brundage scholarships, under specified conditions. Academic and athletic competence will be considered over financial need.

Undergraduate and transfer student applicants must rank in the top 25 percent of their college, and incoming freshmen must rank in the upper 25 percent of their incoming class. Graduate and professional students must be in good academic standing.

Students also must have demonstrated "special athletic ability" in an amateur sport. However, their participation must have been for personal development, rather than as preparation for professional athletics. Previous winners represent a wide variety of sports from archery and tennis to swimming and wheelchair basketball. Last year, 14 winners were awarded \$2,500 each.

The late Avery Brundage, a 1909 U of I graduate, competed in the 1912 Olympics and later served as president of both the U.S. and International Olympic committees. He established the scholarship in 1974, with a \$343,000 endowment to the University of Illinois Foundation. Over the past 39 years, 842 scholarships with a total value of \$1,092,200 have been awarded. Brundage maintained his interest in the University through service as a member of the University of Illinois Foundation, President's Council and Citizen's Committee.