



Richard Eikenberg One Voice Scholarship

The Richard Eikenberg One Voice Scholarship was created in 2008 in honor of Richard Eikenberg, past EDC board chair. The scholarship allows one local college student (from an EDC investor school – Illinois State University, Illinois Wesleyan University and Heartland Community College) to participate in the One Voice Washington, D.C. trip.

The selection process is based on the applicants' responses to an essay question, volunteer/civic engagement experience and their personal interest in the trip opportunity. The top three finalists are then interviewed by a committee made up of EDC staff and EDC board members.

2019 Eikenberg Scholarship Recipient – Ashwin Siddaraju

We would like to congratulate this year's recipient of the Eikenberg Scholarship, Ashwin Siddaraju. Ashwin is senior Community Health Promotion major and a Business Administration minor. He has done and been a part of many initiatives to better the Bloomington-Normal community. Ashwin along with some of his major personnel were able to advocate and get Tobacco 21 laws passed in the town of Normal. He was also acting as the VP of Civic Engagement chairman for the Interfraternity Council, in which he was able to raise \$1,000 for the Special Olympics. He was also a head coach for the U-High Junior - Varsity football team, in which they were able to end the season with a 6 -3 win/loss record. Ashwin is absolutely ecstatic to have received the Eikenberg Scholarship and cannot wait for the opportunity to travel with D.C. with community leaders.

