



# 2018 Scholarship Application



Each year, since 1989, the Township Officials of Illinois Scholarship Fund has awarded funds to graduating high school seniors to continue their education at Illinois colleges/universities.

A total of \$297,000 has been awarded to 179 students.

*Providing scholarships for Illinois students since 1989*

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# Application



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Name

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Address

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City, State, Zip

Phone

Email

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Township in which you reside

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County in which you reside

Gender:  Male  Female

U.S. Citizen?  Yes  No

Illinois Resident?  Yes  No

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High School

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City

State

Zip

Expected Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_ Class Rank \_\_\_\_\_ out of \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative GPA\* (on 4.00 scale) \_\_\_\_\_ ACT Score (composite) \_\_\_\_\_

College/University attending Fall 2018: (must be in Illinois)

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School Name

City in Illinois

This is a (check one):  2-Year  4-Year Institution

Expected major:

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\*Please provide your **official** transcript. Check with your school guidance department to verify your transcript is official.

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***TOI will award seven \$1,500 scholarships in 2018***

My essay of not less than 500 words on *"The Role of Township Government in Today's Society and in the Future"* is attached, with signature, title, township/county of township official who was interviewed. This **MUST** be an elected official from a township in Illinois. Please contact our office if you have any questions.

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Name	Title	Township	County
Interviewee's Signature	_____	_____	_____

**Extracurricular Activities (also include work experience)**

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(If additional space is needed, please attach a separate sheet).

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

***To be eligible, you must meet all of the following criteria:***

Must be a graduating Illinois high school senior with a minimum GPA of 3.00 on a 4.00 scale.

Must be a U.S. citizen and resident of Illinois.

Must plan to attend a university/college in Illinois.

Must have a history of extracurricular activities that demonstrates a willingness to accept leadership responsibilities (student government, club officer, etc.) or a commitment to civic responsibility, social consciousness and a willingness to serve the community (community service projects, volunteer activities with local service agencies or charitable institutions, etc.)

Must submit a 500-word essay on *The Role of Township Government in Today's Society and in the Future* that will include information gained from an interview with an **elected** township official.

Must submit two letters of recommendation from teachers, counselors, local officials or business people.

Must submit an official high school transcript.

Must submit a cover letter and completed application form.

Must plan to enroll at an Illinois school as a full-time undergraduate student.

# Checklist

- ◆ **Cover Letter.** Please submit a cover letter requesting consideration of your Scholarship Application. A cover letter summarizing your interest and academic history including community service is required.
- ◆ **Essay.** A central component of the application is the essay. Applicants must complete a 500-word essay conveying their understanding of township government among the local government landscape in Illinois. Specifically, "*The Role of Township Government in Today's Society and in the Future*" and a summary of an interview with a township official.
- ◆ **Application.** All sections of this application must be completed. Only complete and signed applications will be considered.
- ◆ **Transcript.** Submit an official high school transcript indicating your most recent academic work.
- ◆ **Two Letters of Recommendation**
- ◆ **Signature of Township Official Interviewed.** The interviewed township official must sign the application.

*All checklist items must be submitted.*

*Faxed or emailed applications will not be accepted.*

*All applicants should expect to receive written notification of a decision after April 1, 2018.*

*Notification of an award will not be given by telephone.*

*One application is sufficient for consideration for any scholarship offered by Township Officials of Illinois during the year it is submitted.*

*All award notices are final.*

*All scholarship awards will be disbursed directly to the award recipient's school and must be used for the 2018-2019 academic year.*

***Any questions may be directed to TOI at 217-744-2212 or [olivia@toi.org](mailto:olivia@toi.org).***

**Please mail your completed application, postmarked no later than March 1, 2018 to:**

**Township Officials of Illinois  
Attn.: Scholarship Committee  
3217 Northfield Drive  
Springfield, Illinois 62702**