



2019 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 \$307,000 has been awarded to 186 students.

Providing scholarships for Illinois students since 1989

Checklist

- ◆ **Cover Letter.** Please submit a cover letter requesting consideration of your Scholarship Application. It should summarize your interest and academic history, including community service.
- ◆ **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 completed.
- ◆ **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, 2019. 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 2019-2020 academic year.

Any questions may be directed to TOI at 217-744-2212 or kayla@toi.org.

Please mail your completed application, postmarked no later than March 1, 2019 to:

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

TOI will award seven \$1,500 scholarships in 2019

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.

Name	Title	Township	County
Interviewee's Signature	_____		

Extracurricular Activities (also include work experience)

(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.

Application



Name

Address

City, State, Zip

Phone

Email

Township in which you reside _____

County in which you reside _____

Gender: • Male • Female

U.S. Citizen? • Yes • No

Illinois Resident? • Yes • No

High School

City

State

Zip

Expected Graduation Date _____ Class Rank _____ out of _____

Cumulative GPA* (on 4.00 scale) _____

ACT Score (composite) _____

College/University attending Fall 2019: (must be in Illinois)

School Name

City in Illinois

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

Expected major:

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