



2017 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 \$286,500 has been awarded to 172 students.

Providing scholarships for Illinois students since 1989

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 a 4.00 scale) _____ ACT Score (composite) _____

College/University attending fall 2017: (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.

TOI will award seven \$1,500 scholarships in 2017

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
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Interviewee's Signature _____

Extracurricular Activities (also include work experience)

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.

Checklist

- ◆ **Cover Letter.** Please submit a cover letter requesting consideration of your Scholarship Application. You must be planning to attend a university/college in Illinois to be eligible.
- ◆ **Application.** All sections of this application must be completed. The student must sign and date the application.
- ◆ **Essay.** The student must write a 500-word essay on "*The Role of Township Government in Today's Society and in the Future*" that will include information from an interview of an **elected** Illinois township official. The township official interviewed **must** sign this application for student to be eligible.
- ◆ **Transcript.** Submit an official high school transcript indicating your most recent academic work including fall semester 2016.
- ◆ **Two Letters of Recommendation**
- ◆ **Signature of Township Official Interviewed**



All checklist items must be submitted together for a complete application.

No exceptions will be made and all decisions are final.

Faxed or emailed applications will not be accepted.

All applicants should expect to receive written notification of a decision on their application after April 1, 2017.

Notification of an award will not be given by telephone.

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

All scholarship awards will be disbursed directly to the award recipient's school and must be used for the 2017-2018 academic year.

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

Please mail your completed application, postmarked no later than March 1, 2017 to:

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