



2024 Scholarship Application



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

A total of \$375,500 has been awarded to 222 students.

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, 2024** to:

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

Providing scholarships for Illinois students since 1989

TOI will award seven \$2,000 scholarships in 2024

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 township official who serves on a township board 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 separate sheet(s)).

By submitting this application, _____ agrees that the included essay was written
Applicant Name
without assistance from Artificial Intelligence (AI) such as ChatGPT or other AI text bots.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

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

Must be a graduating Illinois high school senior.

Must be applying to attend a university/college located in Illinois. Awards may not be deferred. If you need to change schools after being awarded a scholarship, please contact the TOI office as soon as possible.

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

Must plan to attend a university/college in Illinois as a full time student.

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 be mailed or submitted online no later than March 1, 2024. *Faxed or emailed applications will not be accepted.*

All applicants should expect to receive written notification of a decision after April 1, 2024.

All scholarship awards are disbursed directly to the award recipient's school and must be used for the 2024-2025 academic year, awards may not be deferred.

Application



Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Township in which you reside _____

County in which you reside _____

U.S. Citizen? Yes No Illinois Resident? Yes No

High School _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

Expected Graduation Date _____ Cumulative GPA* _____

College/University attending Fall 2024: (must be in Illinois) _____

School Name _____

City in Illinois _____

Expected Major: _____

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



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CHRISTOPHER KAIN
President

December 21, 2023

Representative Thaddeus Jones
29th District
15525 South Park Ave., Ste. 104
South Holland, IL 60409

Dear Representative Jones:

Enclosed please find a copy of the 2024 Scholarship application for the Township Officials of Illinois (TOI). Annually, TOI Awards seven (7), \$2,000.00 scholarship to Illinois High School Seniors attending an Illinois College or University.

I respectfully request that you distribute the application to high schools located in your legislative district. Applications are available January 1, 2024 and must be postmarked by March 1, 2024.

Help our Association promote township government among tomorrow's leaders. Applicants are able to submit applications online at toi.org.

If you have any questions, please contact my office at 217-744-2212.

Sincerely,

Jerry B. Crabtree
Executive Director

ENC:JB/tj

