



Township Officials of Illinois

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Dear Township Official:

As we prepare for the new year (2025). I am enclosing a copy of the 2025 TOI Scholarship application for you to distribute to local high schools in your township. The association (TOI) awards seven (7) \$2,000 scholarships to graduating high school seniors attending college in the state of Illinois.

The application cycle opens on January 1, 2025. Applications must be completed and submitted no later than March 1, 2025. This year, we are allowing individuals applicants to submit completed applications via email. To be accepted all attachments must be in a .pdf format and attached to an opening email message. If attachments are not in the correct format they will not be accepted.

Please distribute this application (original copy enclosed) to high schools in your districts and promote the submission of applications. The objective is to provide a foundation for the township leaders of tomorrow.

Sincerely,

Jerry B. Crabtree
Executive Director

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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 2025: (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.**

***Applications are now submittable via email only in a PDF format to the TOI office at debbie@toi.org.**

TOI will award seven \$2,000 scholarships in 2025

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)).

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

To be eligible, you must meet all 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 businesspeople.
 - Must submit an official high school transcript.
 - Must submit a cover letter and completed application form.
- This application may be submitted online or mailed through the USPS. All submissions must be dated and post marked no later than 12:00 AM on March 1, 2025. **All emailed submissions must have attachments separated and in a .pdf format.**

All applicants should expect to receive written notification of a decision after April 1, 2025.

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.



2025 Scholarship Application

Carolyn Langan Scholarship
William Ahrends Scholarship
Barbara Behm Scholarship

Delbert Miller Scholarship
Robert Turner Scholarship
George H Miller Scholarship

Troy Kost Scholarship

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 \$389,500 has been awarded to 229 students.

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

Please mail or email your completed application to debbie@toi.org, postmarked no later than **March 1, 2025** to:

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

Providing scholarships for Illinois students since 1989