



2026 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 \$403,500 has been awarded to 236 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 2, 2026** to:

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

Providing scholarships for Illinois students since 1989

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 2026: (must be in Illinois)

School Name _____ City in Illinois _____

Expected Major:

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

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

TOI will award seven \$2,000 scholarships in 2026

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.

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| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 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 by email or mailed through the USPS. All submissions must be dated and post marked no later than 12:00 AM on March 2, 2026. **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, 2026.

All scholarship awards are disbursed directly to the award recipient's school and must be used for the 2026-2025 academic year, awards may not be deferred.