



# 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](mailto:teresa@toi.org).

Please mail or email your completed application to [debbie@toi.org](mailto: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



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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)

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School Name \_\_\_\_\_ City in Illinois \_\_\_\_\_

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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.

Name	Title	Township	County
Interviewee's Signature _____			

### **Extracurricular Activities (also include work experience)**

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(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.*