

TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS OF ILLINOIS

Scholarship Application

Thank you for applying to the Township Officials of Illinois Scholarship Program. TOI will award seven \$2,000 scholarships this year. Please read the following information carefully. If you have questions, please call (217) 744-2212, or our toll-free number 1-866-897-4688.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be eligible for a Township Officials of Illinois Scholarship, you must meet all of the following criteria:

- Must be a graduating Illinois high school senior with a minimum grade point average of 3.00 on a 4.00 scale.
- Must be a U.S. citizen and resident of 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 an interview with a 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 plan to enroll at an Illinois school as a full-time undergraduate student pursuing a bachelor's degree.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

- The deadline for this application and all required documentation is March 1, 2012. Your application **MUST BE POSTMARKED** by the U.S. Post Office no later than March 1, 2012. Late applications will not be considered.
- You must meet all the eligibility criteria (see eligibility criteria above).
- All parts of the application must be typed or be legible in order to be considered. All attachments must contain your full name.

All items described in the Application Checklist shown below must be submitted together to constitute a complete application. No exceptions will be made and all decisions are final. All applicants should expect to receive written notification of a decision on their application by April 1, 2012. 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.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Cover Letter.** The student must submit a cover letter requesting consideration of his/her Scholarship Application.
- Scholarship Application.** All sections of this application must be completed. The student must sign and date the last page of this application.
- Essay.** The student must prepare and submit a 500-word essay on *"The Role of Township Government in Today's Society and in the Future"* that will include an interview of a township official. The official interviewed **must** sign this application for student to be eligible.
- Transcripts.** Submit an official high school transcript indicating your most recent academic work including fall semester 2011.
- Letters of Recommendation.** The student must submit two (2) letters of recommendation.

A. PERSONAL BACKGROUND - Please Type or Write Neatly with Black Ink

Mr.
Ms.
Mrs.

First Name Middle Name or Initial Last Name

Permanent Home (or Parents') Address City State Zip Home Phone ()

Your Mailing Address (If not living with parents) City State Zip Your Phone ()

Email Address (if available)

Date of Birth: Month Day Year Place of Birth: City State

Township and County in which you currently reside

Gender: Male Female U.S. Citizen? Yes No Illinois Resident? Yes No

B. ACADEMIC BACKGROUND - Please Type or Write Neatly with Black Ink

Name of Your High School

City State Zip

Expected Graduation Date: Class Rank: out of

Cumulative Grade Point Average (on 4.00 scale): ACT Score (composite)

College You Plan to Attend in fall 2012:

City State Zip

This is a (check one): 2-Year 4-Year Institution

What will be your major:

C. ESSAY - Please Type or Write Neatly with Black Ink

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.

Interviewee's Signature, Title, Township/County

D. ACADEMIC TRANSCRIPT

A true and correct copy of my high school transcript, certified by an appropriate high school official, is attached.

E. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (include work activities also) - Please Type or Write Neatly with Black Ink

(If additional space is needed, please attach a separate sheet).

F. REFERENCES

Reference letters from _____ and _____ are attached hereto.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Please mail your completed application to:

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

Facsimile transmissions (faxes) will not be accepted.