

TOI Scholarships

S EVEN \$2,000 SCHOLARSHIPS will be awarded to graduating high school seniors this year.

Each year since 1989, the Scholarship Fund has awarded scholarships to graduating high school seniors to continue their education at Illinois colleges/universities. Seven \$2,000 scholarships were given in 2020, making a total of \$345,500 that has been awarded to 207 students over the years.

The scholarships are named for people who have made significant contributions to township government:

The William Z. Ahrends Scholarship

(Established 1994)



A strong advocate of local government, William Z. Ahrends served as Rooks Creek Township Clerk in Livingston County from April 1949 to August 1990. Mr. Ahrends was inspired to organize two township officials' associations, the Town Clerks Division of TOI and the Livingston County Association of TOI. A past president of the organization, he is the only person ever appointed director of emeritus of TOI.

The Troy A. Kost Scholarship

(Established in 1982, first awarded in 1989)



Troy A. Kost, Highway Commissioner of Astoria Township in Fulton County, was a dedicated public servant and an active, avid leader devoted to the principles of township government. Mr. Kost spent most of his life working for and promoting township government in several capacities and was known as "Mr. Township Government" throughout the State of Illinois.

The Barbara Behm Scholarship

(Established 1991)



Barbara A. Behm was an outstanding public official, devoted to her community and dedicated to township government. Serving as Township Clerk of Fremont Township in Lake County and later as the township's supervisor, Ms. Behm also was active with the Grayslake Fire Protection District, the Lake County Township Officials Association, and served on the organization's executive committee. Ms. Behm was also an outstanding member of the TOI Board of Directors.

The Carolyn Langan Scholarship

(Established 1982, first awarded in 1989)



Carolyn Langan was chief of the Local Government Assistance Division of the Department of Local Government Affairs (now known as the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity). In that capacity, she was responsible for improving the skills of elected and appointed government officials. She was also instrumental in organizing statewide training programs that are still in use today.

The Delbert W. Miller Scholarship

(Established 1993)



Delbert W. Miller was a dedicated public servant and leader in township government serving as Algonquin Township Highway Commissioner in McHenry County. In addition, Mr. Miller served local fire protection districts and the Wisconsin Aquaculture Association. Mr. Miller spent many years traveling throughout the State of Illinois searching for ways that township government could better serve the people and TOI's membership. He was serving as TOI President when he passed away in 1993.

The Robert L. "Bob" Turner Scholarship

(Established 2008)



This scholarship is in memory of the former Belvidere Township (Boone County) Supervisor, longtime TOI Board Member and former President of the Township Supervisors Division.

The George H. Miller Scholarship

(Established 2014)



Established on Sept. 5, 2014, by the TOI Board of Directors, this scholarship fund memorializes TOI's second "paid" leader and first executive director, George Miller, who served the association from 1979-1996 and died June 7, 2014. Known as "Mr. Township", Miller worked for the betterment of township government and for better educated officials.



2022 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 \$345,500 has been awarded to 207 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, 2022** to:

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

At this time, no online application is available.

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* _____

Optional: SAT/ACT Score (composite, if applicable) _____

College/University attending Fall 2021: (must be in Illinois)

School Name

City in Illinois

Expected Area of Study:

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

TOI will award seven \$2,000 scholarships in 2022

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. This **MUST** be an **elected official from a township 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 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 no later than March 1, 2022. *Faxed or emailed applications will not be accepted.*

All applicants should expect to receive written notification of a decision after April 1, 2022.

All scholarship awards are disbursed directly to the award recipient's school and must be used for the 2022-2023 academic year, awards may not be deferred.