

RANTOUL TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL



Scholarships



Dear Parents and Students,

This scholarship booklet contains information on scholarships that will be available in the counseling center or on-line throughout this school year. As scholarships become available, they will be placed in folders in the counseling center for students to come by and pick up. Here are some helpful scholarship guidelines:

~ I highly recommend that students visit the counseling center once a week to gather applications. **The deadline dates listed in this booklet are subject to change** so it is important to pay attention to the deadline date listed on each scholarship application, which will be current.

~Two good websites to visit are www.fastweb.com and www.collegegreenlight.com for more scholarship opportunities.

~Another great source of scholarship information is through the website and financial aid office of the student's college of choice.

~Type all applications if possible and follow all instructions carefully!!

~All completed scholarship applications, unless they are to be submitted on-line, need to be turned in to Ms. Kavanaugh.

~Many of the March scholarships require teacher recommendation forms. I will visit Senior English classes in January to explain this process.

~Please mark your calendars for our annual Financial Aid Night on SEPTEMBER 11 at 6:30 p.m. in the RTHS library. Information on how to apply for federal and state grants, loans, and work-study programs will be presented at this time.

~Students and parents with questions regarding scholarships can reach me at jkavanaugh@rths.k12.il.us or students can fill out a blue slip or stop by the counseling center to visit with me.

Sincerely,

Ms. Kavanaugh

Counselor/Scholarship Coordinator

OCTOBER

***COCA-COLA SCHOLARS:**

DEADLINE: OCTOBER 31

CRITERIA: Based on character and personal merit (school leadership, extracurricular activities, academic achievement, motivation, awards). MUST APPLY ON-LINE AT: www.coca-colascholars.org

***HORATIO ALGER SCHOLARSHIP:**

DEADLINE: OCTOBER 25

CRITERIA: Minimum 3.0 grade point average, student must be involved in extracurricular and community service activities, demonstrate financial need, and be a U.S. citizen. APPLY ON-LINE AT: scholars.horatioalger.com

***OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY ESSAY CONTEST:**

DEADLINE: OCTOBER 19

CRITERIA: Write a 700-750 word essay on a topic selected by the fraternity.

***STOKES EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP:**

DEADLINE: OCTOBER 31

CRITERIA: Applicants must have 25 ACT, 4.0 g.p.a. and plan to major in computer science, math, or electrical or computer engineering.

***VOICE OF DEMOCRACY ESSAY CONTEST:**

DEADLINE: OCTOBER 24

CRITERIA: Open to grades 9-12. Students must write and record an essay on a topic selected by the VFW.

NOVEMBER

*** CLASS OF 1982 ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP:**

DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 16

CRITERIA: Based on scholastic ability, moral character, citizenship, high level of maturity, progress despite hardship, involvement in school activities, few opportunities for other scholarships, estimation of success in college completion

***ELKS CLUB MOST VALUABLE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP:**

DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 30

CRITERIA: Based on g.p.a., financial need, and leadership. Apply on-line:
www.elks.org/enf/scholars

***GREENHOUSE SCHOLARS:**

DEADLINE: DECEMBER 1

CRITERIA: Applicants must be planning to attend a 4-year college, be a U.S. citizen, have a 4.5 unweighted grade point average, demonstrate financial need, possess excellent leadership skills, and the ability to persevere through difficult circumstances.

***JACK KENT COOK FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP:**

DEADLINE: EARLY NOVEMBER

CRITERIA: Applicants must have GPA of 4.5 or higher, 26 or higher ACT, and financial need. Apply on-line at: www.jkcf.org

***THE PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AWARD:**

DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 7

CRITERIA: Open to any senior who has volunteered in their community in the past year. Apply on line at: <http://spirit.prudential.com>

DECEMBER

***AXA SCHOLARSHIP:**

DEADLINE: DECEMBER 15

CRITERIA: Student must be active in their community, must have achieved goals despite personal challenges/difficulties, and must have the ability to succeed in college. Apply on-line: www.axa-achievement.com

***BURGER KING SCHOLARS:**

DEADLINE: DECEMBER 15

CRITERIA: Student must have at least a 3.5 GPA (on 5.0 scale), demonstrate participation in community and school activities, financial need. APPLY ON-LINE AT:
www.scholarshipamerica.org/burgerkingscholars

APPLY ON-LINE AT: www.greenhousescholars.fluidreview.com

*** ILLINOIS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES SCHOLARSHIP:**

DEADLINE: DECEMBER 15

CRITERIA: Must be a consumer/member of an Illinois electric cooperative or child of an Illinois electric cooperative employee or director to be eligible.

***NATIONAL WILD TURKEY FEDERATION SCHOLARSHIP:**

DEADLINE: DECEMBER 15

CRITERIA: Student must have 4.0 or above g.p.a., be active in hunting sports, and have a current hunting license.

***U OF I CHILDREN OF VETERANS SCHOLARSHIP:**

DEADLINE: DECEMBER 15

CRITERIA: Student must be admitted to the U of I and be the natural or adopted child of a veteran.

JANUARY

***CBAI FOUNDATION FOR COMMUNITY BANKING SCHOLARSHIP:**

DEADLINE: JANUARY 25

CRITERIA: Applicants must write essay on "The Importance of Community Banking"

***HEALTH CARE LEADERS SCHOLARSHIP:**

DEADLINE: JANUARY 29

CRITERIA: Applicants must be accepted to a nursing or medical related program, grade point average must be 4.0 and above.

APPLY ON-LINE AT: <http://nurse.org/healthcare-leaders/>

***EASTERN ILLINI ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE "YOUTH TO WASHINGTON" SCHOLARSHIP:**

DEADLINE: JANUARY 31

CRITERIA: Based on grade point average, ACT score, work and volunteer experience, extra-curricular activities, short essay. Parent must be a member of Eastern Illini Electric Cooperative. Winner receives \$1000 scholarship plus trip to Washington, DC.

***ILLINOIS DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION SCHOLARSHIP:**

DEADLINE: JANUARY 25

CRITERIA: Student must demonstrate financial need, and plan to attend an Illinois public college.

FEBRUARY

***AMERICAN LEGION ESSAY CONTEST:**

DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 15

CRITERIA: Open to grades 9-12. Applicants must write an essay on a subject selected by the American Legion.

***AMERICA'S FARMERS GROW AG LEADERS SCHOLARSHIP:**

DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 1

CRITERIA: Applicant must be planning to major in an Ag-related field. Applicants do not have to be members of FFA.

APPLY ON-LINE AT: FFA.org/scholarships

***AMVETS SERVICE FOUNDATION AND LADIES AUXILIARY SCHOLARSHIPS:**

DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 23

CRITERIA: Applicant must be the child or grandchild of a veteran.

***BETA SIGMA PSI SCHOLARSHIP:**

DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 10

CRITERIA: For confirmed Lutheran males planning to attend the University of Illinois.

***COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT:**

DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 22

CRITERIA: Family must be at or below 125% of Federal Poverty Guidelines, GPA must be at least 4.0.

***CHAMPAIGN COUNTY FARM BUREAU:**

DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 22

CRITERIA: Selection based on academics, school and community activities, community service, financial need, employment history, and the intent to pursue an agricultural career.

***FARM CREDIT SERVICES SCHOLARSHIP:**

DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 22

CRITERIA: Student must be planning to major in Agriculture. Apply on-line at: farmcreditIL.com

*** FREESE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP:**

DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 22

CRITERIA: Student must be the son or daughter of a farmer, also based on academics and financial need.

*** KATHRYN G. HANSEN (SECRETARIAT) SCHOLARSHIP:**

DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 28

CRITERIA: Awarded to a student pursuing a degree in a secretarial or business-related field.

*** MEDIACOM SCHOLARSHIP:**

DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 8

CRITERIA: Based on academic achievement, leadership, participation in school and community activities, and references from two educators.

*** NATIONAL DEFENSE TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP:**

DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 22

CRITERIA: Applicant must be planning to major in Business, Transportation Logistics, or Physical Distribution.

*** PTA-LILLIAN GLOVER SCHOLARSHIP:**

DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 15

CRITERIA: Student must be planning to enter the field of education or education-related field, and rank in the upper 25% of their class. Apply on-line at: <http://illinoispta.org/scholarshipapplication.html>

MARCH

*** ADA MUCKLESTONE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP:**

DEADLINE: MARCH 8

CRITERIA: Student must be the child or grandchild of a veteran. Also based on essay, volunteer work, academics, and financial need.

***BANK OF RANTOUL SCHOLARSHIP:**

DEADLINE: MARCH 15

CRITERIA: Student must rank in upper half of class and plan to enroll at a 4 year college or university. Requires teacher recommendation forms.

***BETA SIGMA PHI-XI ETA OMICRON SCHOLARSHIP:**

DEADLINE: MARCH 15

CRITERIA: Student must be a senior girl with grade point average of "B" (3.67-4.33). Requires teacher recommendation forms.

***CHARLES INDUSTRIES ROBERT F. CHARLES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP:**

DEADLINE: MARCH 15

CRITERIA: Based on academics, character, and need. Requires teacher recommendation forms.

*** CHRISTIE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP:**

DEADLINE: MARCH 31

CRITERIA: Student must be planning to enter a health care field. Apply on-line at: www.christiefoundation.org

*** DON MYRICK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP:**

DEADLINE: MARCH 15

CRITERIA: Student must be planning to attend a vocational, trade school, or 2-year college OR major in Agriculture. Requires teacher recommendation forms.

*** GIFFORD LIONS CLUB SCHOLARSHIP:**

DEADLINE: MARCH 1

CRITERIA: Applicant must be from Gifford, Thomasboro, Prairieview, or Ludlow. Based on financial need, academics, and activities. Requires teacher recommendation forms.

***ILLINOIS MASONIC SCHOLARSHIP:**

DEADLINE: MARCH 21

CRITERIA: Applicants must be planning to enter the health care field, and have a "B" grade point average.

***ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL UTILITIES ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP:**

DEADLINE: MARCH 5

CRITERIA: Student must receive electricity from the Village of Rantoul, essay required

*** ILLINOIS SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP:**

DEADLINE: MARCH 8

CRITERIA: Student must be planning to enroll full-time at a college or university.

***JACQUELINE RUDZINSKI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP:**

DEADLINE: MARCH 1

CRITERIA: FEMALES ONLY. Grade point average of "C" or higher, preference given to students that have overcome great physical, emotional, or social obstacles and are eligible to graduate, 300 words (or more) essay required.

*** JOHN AND DOROTHY SCHESSLER SCHOLARSHIP:**

DEADLINE: MARCH 1

CRITERIA: Awarded to a RTHS student who is pursuing a career in education. Preference is given to those planning a career in Consumer and Family Science, Agriculture, or Counseling.

*** KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIP:**

DEADLINE: MARCH 21

CRITERIA: Applicant must be Catholic, have at least a 4.0 (B) grade point average, and be involved in school, church, and community activities. Requires teacher recommendation forms.

***LGBT INITIATIVE SCHOLARSHIP:**

DEADLINE: MARCH 8

CRITERIA: Applicant must identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgendered, must have at least a 3.0 grade point average, and have applied to college.

***MARINE CORPS SCHOLARSHIPS:**

DEADLINE: MARCH 1

CRITERIA: Student must be the child of a Marine, and family income must be under \$80,000. Apply on-line at: mcsf.org/apply

*** MARLENE MONROE AND ARTIE CALBERT, SR. MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP:**

DEADLINE: MARCH 21

CRITERIA: Applicants must have a B- (3.67) or higher grade point average. Preference given to a student majoring in health or education fields. Essay and teacher recommendation forms required.

***NAIFA SCHOLARSHIP:**

DEADLINE: MARCH 21

CRITERIA: Student must be planning to major in Insurance, Finance, Business, or other field related to the Financial Services Industry.

***PARKLAND COLLEGE/CHRISTIE CLINIC NURSING SCHOLARSHIP:**

DEADLINE: MARCH 21

CRITERIA: Student must be an incoming student enrolled in a health professions degree program at Parkland, ACT score of 20 or above or SAT score of 1325 or above.

*** PEO SISTERHOOD SCHOLARSHIP:**

DEADLINE: MARCH 8

CRITERIA: For senior girls in the upper 1/3 of the class. Requires teacher recommendation forms.

*** RANTOUL CORE CLUB SCHOLARSHIP:**

DEADLINE: MARCH 8

CRITERIA: Applicant must have attended RTHS for one full year. Requires teacher recommendation forms.

***RANTOUL CORE CLUB PARKLAND COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP:**

DEADLINE: MARCH 8

CRITERIA: Student must have completed an application to Parkland, and plan on attending there in the fall semester. Requires teacher recommendation forms.

*** RANTOUL HIGH SCHOOL FFA DEVIN FIEDLER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP:**

DEADLINE: MARCH 1

CRITERIA: Student must be planning to pursue a career in an Agriculture-related field, must be accepted into an Illinois college (2-year community college or 4-year college/university), and have a "C" or better g.p.a. Requires teacher recommendation forms.

*** RANTOUL ROTARY GLENN E. HANSEN 2-YEAR SCHOLARSHIP:**

DEADLINE: MARCH 15

CRITERIA: Student must be planning to attend a two year community college or trade school. Requires teacher recommendation forms. Top 3 candidates will be interviewed by Rotary committee.

***RANTOUL ROTARY LYNN H. GIBBS 4-YEAR MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP:**

DEADLINE: MARCH 15

CRITERIA: Student must be planning to attend a four year college and must be in upper 1/3 of class. Requires teacher recommendation forms. Top 3 candidates will be interviewed by Rotary committee.

*** RANTOUL VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP:**

DEADLINE: MARCH 8

CRITERIA: Student must be planning to pursue a career in Public Service (Police officer, Firefighter, Paramedic, etc.), and must be accepted into a 2 or 4-year college. Requires teacher recommendation forms.

***RTHS BOOSTER CLUB SCHOLARSHIP:**

DEADLINE: MARCH 21

CRITERIA: Applicants must be planning to attend a 2 or 4-year College, and be involved in at least one sport during Senior year. Selection based on scholastic ability, involvement in school activities, financial need, and essay.

***RTHSEA SCHOLARSHIP:**

DEADLINE: MARCH 21

CRITERIA: Applicants must be planning to attend a 4-year college or university. Requires teacher recommendation forms.

***SAE ENGINEERING SCHOLARSHIPS:**

DEADLINE: MARCH 15

CRITERIA: Applicant must have at least a 4.5 g.p.a. and plan to major in engineering.

***STAFF SERGEANT CHRISTOPHER RUDZINSKI LEADERSHIP AWARD:**

DEADLINE: MARCH 1

CRITERIA: MALES ONLY. Grade point average of "C" or higher. Preference given to students that have overcome great physical, emotional, or social obstacles and are

eligible to graduate, 300 words (or more) essay required Applicants must possess strong leadership skills.

***THE CHORALE YOUNG ARTIST SCHOLARSHIP:**

DEADLINE: MARCH 8

CRITERIA: Applicants must plan to major in a music field, audition DVD or CD required.

***WOMEN'S BUSINESS COUNCIL OF CHAMPAIGN COUNTY JUMPSTART SCHOLARSHIP:**

DEADLINE: MARCH 15

CRITERIA: FEMALES ONLY. Grade point average of at least 4.0 on a 5.0 scale, proof of enrollment at post-secondary institution or trade school.

APRIL

***BUSEY BANK COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT ACT SCHOLARSHIP:**

DEADLINE: APRIL 25

CRITERIA: Applicants must demonstrate financial need and plan to attend an Illinois college.

***CHAMPAIGN COUNTY EXTENSION SCHOLARSHIP:**

DEADLINE: APRIL 5

CRITERIA: Based on financial need, academics, family involvement in Extension activities.

***DUANE G. WOLKEN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP:**

CRITERIA: APRIL 5

CRITERIA: Applicants must have a "C" or better grade point average and must be planning to pursue a career in an Agriculture-related field. Requires teacher recommendation forms.

***ILLINOIS HEARTLAND DECORATIVE ARTISTS SCHOLARSHIP:**

DEADLINE: APRIL 3

CRITERIA: Student must be planning to pursue a career in fine arts.

***PARKLAND COLLEGE JENNIFER SINCLAIR SCHOLARSHIP:**

DEADLINE: APRIL 12

CRITERIA: Applicant must have completed the FAFSA, plus submit a one-page (minimum) essay describing his/her short and long-term goals and how this scholarship will help him/her to "Live Legendary."

***PARKLAND COLLEGE MARILYN HUCKABA SCHOLARSHIP:**

DEADLINE: APRIL 12

CRITERIA: Applicant must be planning to attend Parkland and have a minimum 4.4 grade point average. Trustee Scholarship recipients cannot apply.

*** SIGMAN PHI EPSILON SCHOLARSHIP:**

DEADLINE: APRIL 25

CRITERIA: Applicant must be a male planning to attend the University of Illinois. Athletics and extra-curricular involvement considered.

*** JAMES-EVELYN WIECHMAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP:**

DEADLINE: APRIL 5

CRITERIA: Applicants must have at least a 3.5 grade point average, and be involved in school/ community activities. Two letters of recommendation and essay are required.

NOTES: