



December 1, 2021

Dear Applicant for the Barbara J. Rakoski Volunteerism College Scholarship,

Holly Club of Joliet was founded over 130 years ago by a small group of young women who had a heart for service and wanted to help the less fortunate within their own community. It is fitting, then, that today Holly Club awards scholarships every year to young people who also demonstrate a heart for service.

The Barbara J. Rakoski Volunteerism College Scholarship was named for the Holly Club member who spearheaded the award and who served the club faithfully from 1984 until her passing in 2003.

Holly Club scholarships are one way in which its members demonstrate commitment to the youth in our community. We hope to recognize and encourage young people who are already exhibiting the practice of being outward focused and showing gratitude through the act of giving back.

Consequently, while we wish to award students (male or female) whose GPA and college-entrance scores demonstrate the ability to succeed in post-high school academics, it is the characteristic of desiring to serve that is the most important in the selection process.

In 2021 three recipients pursuing a two-year or four-year degree will be awarded a one-time \$1000 scholarship. Application materials are being provided to approximately 16 area high schools; more than one winner per school is permissible.

Following are the required application materials for candidates who wish to be considered for this scholarship. **Deadline for submission is February 15, 2022.**

Sincerely,

Holly Club's Barbara J. Rakoski Volunteerism College Scholarship Committee:

Bonnie Hassan and Connie Russell



BARBARA J. RAKOSKI

2022 VOLUNTEERISM COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Eligible applicants must attend high school in the greater Joliet area. Please check with your school counselor for eligibility. Information provided MUST be entered electronically.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Home Address _____
(street, city, zip)

Phone _____ Email _____

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Name of High School _____

GPA _____ ACT/SAT Score _____
(indicate if weighted)

College you hope to attend/location _____

Have you been accepted? _____ If not, when will you know? _____

Program(s) of study you are considering _____

VOLUNTEERISM/EXTRACURRICULAR INFORMATION

Please detail your volunteer activities by naming the organization, describing what you do there, how many months/years you have participated, and the **TOTAL NUMBER OF HOURS YOU HAVE GIVEN, TO DATE, IN SERVICE TO EACH ORGANIZATION:**

The following needs to be completed ONLY if your attached resume does NOT include the information requested:

List your high school involvement and years participating (clubs, athletics, etc.):

List any other activities/involvement and when they occurred (job, church, music lessons, scouts, etc.):

List any special recognition or award(s) you may have earned during your high school years (though not limited to school recognition)

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMISSION

For your application to be considered, the following directions must be precisely followed:

Please send an email to Bonnie Hassan at b.kiers17@gmail.com with a subject line of HOLLY CLUB SCHOLARSHIP FILE and attach to that email as **ONE SCANNED DOCUMENT saved with your last name first** (i.e. "Smith, Mary -- Scholarship File") the following:

- 1. This completed, typed application**
- 2. Your resume**
- 3. A typed 250 - 350-word essay** detailing how your various volunteer experiences have impacted you as well as those whom you have served.
- 4. One letter of recommendation** from an adult who supervises a volunteer activity in which you regularly participate. Details/anecdotes regarding your commitment to service are especially important.

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