RANTOUL TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL

Scholarships 2026-2027

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OCTOBER

***COCA-COLA SCHOLARS:**

DEADLINE: September 30

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

***HORATIO ALGER SCHOLARSHIP:**

DEADLINE: OCTOBER 26

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 18

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

***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

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

DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 5

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

***GREENHOUSE SCHOLARS:**

DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 22

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 have the ability to persevere through difficult circumstances. Apply online: https://greenhousescholars.org/our-scholars/become-a-scholar/

***JACK KENT COOK FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP:**

DEADLINE: EARLY NOVEMBER

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

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

DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 5

CRITERIA: Open to any senior who has volunteered in their community in the past year. Apply online 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 online: www.axa-achievement.com

***BURGER KING SCHOLARS:**

DEADLINE: DECEMBER 15

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

***FOOT LOCKER SCHOLAR-ATHLETE PROGRAM:**

DEADLINE: TBA

CRITERIA: The Foot Locker Scholar Athletes program honors student-athletes who demonstrate exceptional academic ability and strong leadership skills in sports, in their schools, and within their communities. Applicants must have a minimum 4.0 GPA (on a 5.0 scale).

***ILLINOIS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES SCHOLARSHIP:**

DEADLINE: DECEMBER 31

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

***TEACH OUTDOORS, INC. SCHOLARSHIP**

DEADLINE: DECEMBER 19

CRITERIA: Student must have a minimum GPA of 3.75/5.00. Also required is a 1-2 page essay describing a memorable outdoor experience with a tradition or lesson that was passed on to the applicant in which the applicant will pass on to future generations.

***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

***AMERICAN LEGION ESSAY CONTEST:**

DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 14

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

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

DEADLINE: JANUARY 24

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/

***HELENA ACRE HOMEGROWN SCHOLARSHIP:**

DEADLINE: JANUARY 31

CRITERIA: Applicants must be planning to major in Agriculture.

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

DEADLINE: JANUARY 24

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

***STIFEL FABRIC OF SOCIETY ESSAY CONTEST:**

DEADLINE: JANUARY 16

CRITERIA: Applicants must write a 600-800 word essay on a chosen topic.

FEBRUARY

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

DEADLINE: FEBRUARY

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 21

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.

***CHAMPAIGN COUNTY FARM BUREAU:**

DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 21

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

***CHILDREN OF WARRIORS SCHOLARSHIP:**

DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 26

CRITERIA: Applicants must be the child or grandchild of a veteran. In addition, 50 hours of community service, an essay, and 4 letters of recommendation are required.

*** FREESE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP:**

DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 21

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 7

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

***PTA-LILLIAN GLOVER SCHOLARSHIP:**

DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 14

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

***RICHARD AND ELIZABETH DEAN DAR SCHOLARSHIP:**

DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 12

CRITERIA: Based on academic merit. Student must have a 5.0 grade point average.

***TACO BELL LIVE MAS SCHOLARSHIP:**

DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 21

CRITERIA: Student must submit an original video (2 minutes or less) that tells us the story of your real, driving passion in making a difference in the world. The submission can be a short film, animation, or a simple testimonial.

MARCH

***ADA MUCKLESTONE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP:**

DEADLINE: MARCH 6

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

***AMERICAN LEGION PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY SCHOLARSHIP:**

DEADLINE: APRIL 2

CRITERIA: Applicants must be seeking a career in Nursing and currently accepted into an accredited nursing program or enrolled in classes required for the nursing program. A brief essay, 3 letters of recommendation, and a copy of the most recent tax returns of the parent and applicant are required.

***BANK OF RANTOUL SCHOLARSHIP:**

DEADLINE: MARCH 13

CRITERIA: Student must rank in the upper half of the 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 13

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

*** CHRISTIE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP:**

DEADLINE: MARCH 31

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

*** DON MYRICK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP:**

DEADLINE: MARCH 13

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 6

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 24

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

***ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL UTILITIES ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP:**

DEADLINE: MARCH 6

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

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

DEADLINE: MARCH 6

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

*** JOHN AND DOROTHY SCHETTLER SCHOLARSHIP:**

DEADLINE: MARCH 6

CRITERIA: Awarded to an 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 25

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 6

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 online at: mcsf.org/apply

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

DEADLINE: MARCH 25

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

***NAIFA SCHOLARSHIP:**

DEADLINE: MARCH 25

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

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

DEADLINE: MARCH 25

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 6

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

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

DEADLINE: MARCH 6

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 13

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

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

DEADLINE: MARCH 13

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

*** RANTOUL VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP:**

DEADLINE: MARCH 13

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 13

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 25

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

***SAE ENGINEERING SCHOLARSHIPS:**

DEADLINE: MARCH 13

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

***THE CHORALE YOUNG ARTIST SCHOLARSHIP:**

DEADLINE: MARCH 6

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 13

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

APRIL

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

DEADLINE: APRIL 24

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

***CHAMPAIGN COUNTY CRIME STOPPERS SCHOLARSHIP**

DEADLINE: MAY 10

CRITERIA: Student must be planning to major in Criminal Justice. Two letters of recommendation are required.

***COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT**:

DEADLINE: APRIL 5

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

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

CRITERIA: APRIL 3

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 10

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

***PAUL BRUMAGHIM MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP:**

DEADLINE: APRIL 23

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

*** SIGMA PHI EPSILON SCHOLARSHIP:**

DEADLINE: APRIL 24

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

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

DEADLINE: APRIL 3

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