

THE STERLING – ROCK FALLS COMMUNITY TRUST SCHOLARSHIPS
Application Instructions

The Sterling-Rock Falls Community Trust administers a number of scholarship funds and welcomes the applications of high school seniors and college students. Application forms and additional information can be obtained from guidance counselors at high schools in Sterling and Rock Falls or from Midland States Bank, 302 First Avenue, Sterling, IL 61081 (Attention Peggy Carlson), phone (815) 622-1329.

Basic Requirements:

1. **Residency** - Applicants must reside within the boundaries of the Sterling and Rock Falls school district and must be a graduate of an accredited high school in Sterling or Rock Falls.
2. **Certification by school** - A guidance counselor or principal of the high school from which the student has, or will, graduate must sign the last page of the application to confirm eligibility. A copy of the student's transcript must be included as part of the application.
3. **Financial information** - Many of the scholarships are available for up to moderate income families and financial need is a factor in their award. Students applying for any of these need-based scholarships must submit a copy of their parents' complete and signed federal income tax return for the **current** tax year, as well as the student's return, if any, **OR** a copy of their FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) summary. This information needs to show the income of the person(s) who claims the applicant as a dependent.
4. **Enrollment Status**– Scholarships are awarded for benefit of full-time students.
5. **Deadline** – Applications are due April 2nd. There may be additional funds available for scholarships after the initial awards are made, and the Community Trust accepts applications submitted after April 2nd, up to July 2nd. There is, however, no guarantee that any additional scholarships will be awarded from the July deadline applications.

Other information:

6. **Amount of award** - The scholarship award amounts may vary from year-to-year and are dependent upon the funds and income available that is generated by the Trust. In the past, general scholarship awards to a community (2 year) school ranged from \$400 to \$1,500, and students attending a 4 year institution received between \$250 to \$3,000.
7. **Payment of funds** - Scholarship funds will be paid directly to the school that the successful scholarship applicant is attending.
8. **Renewal of Scholarships** - Applications for annual renewal of general scholarship grants are subject to satisfactory progress toward graduation and acceptable academic performance. The deadline for applications is the same as stated above. Scholarships may be available for students entering their fourth year of study at a college or university, depending upon available funds.

**Completed applications should be submitted to Midland States Bank
Attn: Peggy Carlson
302 First Avenue, Sterling, IL 61081**

STERLING-ROCK FALLS COMMUNITY TRUST SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

(STUDENTS: Please read the Application Instructions and attached criteria for scholarships before completion.)

I hereby make application for the following scholarship(s):

Scholarships requiring financial information (“need-based”):

- _____ *Sterling – Rock Falls Community Trust General Scholarship*
- _____ *Home Hospital Scholarship* (health-related fields)
- _____ *W. Martin Dillon Memorial Scholarship* (majoring in business; 4 year award)
- _____ *Robert Propheter Memorial Scholarship* (preference to business or construction trades training)
- _____ *Helene R. Dillon Memorial Scholarship* (majoring in education; 4 year award)
- _____ *Charles G. Bosco Memorial Scholarship* (engineering;4 year award) Not available for 2018
- _____ *Russell & Margaret Koster Agricultural Scholarship* (H.S. seniors only, majoring in agricultural-related field)

Scholarships NOT requiring financial information:

- _____ *Clement Hey Memorial Scholarship* (H.S. seniors only, based on academic achievement)
- _____ *Keeney Fund (Tom, Harry and Loraine) Scholarship* (H.S. seniors only, based on academic achievement & extra-curricular activities; preference to Business, Accounting, Pre-Law)
- _____ *Cadet Thorp Law Enforcement Scholarship* (Sterling H.S. seniors only, majoring in law enforcement or criminal justice; based on high school scholarship, athletics, extracurricular activities and personal character)
- _____ *Lucile Sudbury Memorial Scholarship* (for students attending Knox College **OR** majoring in any of the following: music, creative writing, agriculture, home economics, forestry. 4 year award.)
- _____ *Florence Potter Hankenson* (Sterling H.S. students only, attending Univ of IL; Available for 2018)

Jim & Lenore McKinzie Scholarship (for SHS seniors only, majoring in education; see Guidance Office for application)

Student Name: _____

ID Number (or Social Security Number): _____

Permanent address: _____

Phone: (cell) _____ (home) _____

E-Mail Address _____

Birthdate: _____ Gender: _____ Marital status: _____

Year and school of high school graduation: _____

High School Seniors only: Class Rank _____ in class of _____

ACT Score _____ SAT score _____

GPA: _____ Scale: A= _____

College currently attending/planning to attend _____

Current college academic year (freshman, etc.): _____

Approximate cost for attending this institution for one year: _____

Probable Major/Career Objective:

Employment information:

<u>Type of work</u>	<u>Employer</u>	<u>Dates</u>
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Extra-curricular activities, memberships in organizations, offices held (attach separate page if additional space is needed):

Parents' names and addresses:

Father's Name: _____ Mother's Name _____

Father's Address: _____

Mother's Address (if different): _____

Father's Phone: _____ Mother's Phone: _____

Number of dependent children living in your household: _____

Special circumstances: Please attach a statement of any special circumstances that you believe should be considered by the Board of Trustees in considering your scholarship request (e.g., financial hardships that would not be apparent from review of financial information).

I hereby certify under penalty of perjury as provided by law that the information submitted in this application is true, correct and complete.

Signature: _____

Checklist for Attachments: (1) Pertinent financial information if required; (2) Transcript; and (3) Certification by High School (below)

Certification by High School

(Student Name)

_____ The student named on this application will be a graduate in 2018.

_____ The student named on this application graduated in _____.
(year)

Signed this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Principal/Assistant Principal/Guidance Counselor

Name of High School