



*The Illinois Odd Fellow-Rebekah  
Scholarship Award  
Independent Order of Odd Fellows  
(217) 735-2561*

P.O. BOX248

Lincoln, IL 62656

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

PLEASE FOLLOW DIRECTIONS CAREFULLY AND COMPLETELY, FAILURE TO  
DO SO WILL RESULT IN REJECTION OF APPLICATION

**FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS ONLY**

1. Applicant must use the current official Odd Fellow-Rebekah scholarship form which must be dated and signed by the Student, parent(s) or guardian(s) **and lodge official(s) where applicable.**(see instruction 12) **All applications and statements are required to be signed. Typewritten applications are preferred or must be legibly handwritten.** A recent photograph of the applicant, with signature on reverse side, must be firmly attached to the application.
2. Applications and all supporting documents must be in English.
3. Current Official high school transcript of the student's records if presently attending a school of higher education, must be submitted. Records may be photocopies that bear an original signature or seal of the proper authority.
4. All applications must be properly bound on the left by a clear plastic report folder. Please do not staple.
5. The applicant shall prepare a statement **RESTRICTED to 150 words or less**, setting forth his/her vocational or professional goal. Relate how past, present and future activities make the accomplishment of this goal probable. This must be **typed**, properly signed and enclosed with all supporting materials. Application will be disqualified if essay is not included and properly signed.
6. A current dated and signed recommendation, **RESTRICTED to 150 words or less**, from the Principal or Counselor in authority and from one teacher at the school the applicant is currently attending is required. Each recommendation must be enclosed in a sealed envelope, signed over the seal and returned to the student for enclosure in the scholarship packet.
7. Include one letter of endorsement from a responsible community (NON-SCHOOL) person. **This person should not be related to the applicant** but can be a business person, minister or civic leader. The person should be capable of reporting the applicant's participation in the community in terms of work service, leadership, notable skills and outstanding recognition. Do not refer to school accomplishments. This should be enclosed in a sealed envelope, signed over the seal and returned to the student for enclosure in the scholarship packet.



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INSTRUCTIONS CONTINUED

- 8 All parts of the application (application, principal's/counselor's statement, teacher's statement, non-school endorsement, and official transcript) must be enclosed in one packet and must be returned to the Scholarship committee at the **Grand Lodge office at 845 Wyatt Ave. P.O. Box 248, Lincoln, IL 62656-0248 (before the March 1st deadline)**. Please allow ample mail delivery time! It is the responsibility of the applicant to consolidate all materials in one packet.
9. Applicant must be a resident of Illinois and a citizen of the United States. If applicant is a naturalized citizen, proof of citizenship must accompany application.
10. Only those chosen to receive awards will be notified by the end of June. Anyone wishing a list of recipients must enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope.
11. **Attach a copy of your most recent Federal 1040 Forms for the supporting parents is required. Illinois 1040 or W2's are NOT acceptable. Required pages are only the page showing adjusted gross income and dependants. This information is for verification purposes only. Failure to do so will disqualify your application. Please black out SS#'s . We need 1040 from Both Supporting Parents if they are Divorced or Separated.**
12. **You do not have to be an Odd Fellow or Rebekah member to complete this application. Only Odd Fellow and Rebekah members (self, or Supporting Parents, or Supporting Grandparents) must submit a Lodge Certification letter under the Seal of the Lodge.** Failure to do so will lead to your application being disqualified.
13. The Application must be signed by parents and applicant. This application is strictly confidential no financial information will be shared from your application. **However if your student is not chosen share the following information with lodges in your area that are giving scholarships from the local lodge. We will share your essay, student's name and phone number, parent's names, school information & phone number, number of dependents and number of dependents currently in college.** This will give your student a greater chance of receiving a scholarship from the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs.