



**WHITESIDE COUNTY REPUBLICANS
2021-2022 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**

ELIGIBILITY:

Applicants must be a U.S. citizen, a resident, and registered voter of Whiteside County. (Individuals can register to vote at age 17 if the individual will be 18 years of age by the November General Election in even numbered years.)

- **Graduating high school seniors** – applicants must be currently a Whiteside County high school senior, planning to attend a two- or four-year college or trade school in the fall of 2022.
- Applicant must be ranked in the upper 10% of their high school graduating class or a member of the National Honor Society.
- **College or trade school students** – applicants must be currently attending a two- or four-year college or trade school. The college/trade school can be located anywhere in Illinois or any other state. The applicant shall be a registered voter in Whiteside County. A current GPA of 3.25 out of 4.00 is required.

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA:

- Applicant is to submit a copy of the letter of acceptance signed by an enrollment administrator from an accredited college or trade school
- If already attending a college/trade school, the applicant must submit a copy of a college transcript signed by a college administrator.
- Applicant is to submit a copy of high school/college transcript, on official school letterhead, signed by their counselor/college administrator. The transcript will indicate the student's ranking.
- A 500-word essay, as described below.
- Applicant must have their scholarship application signed by their high school counselor or college advisor.
- Missing items disqualifies the applicant

ESSAY:

The cover page should include the following title:

**AMERICA DIVIDED:
Causes and Solutions**

Essay should accomplish the following:

- Identify at least three (3) areas where America is divided
- Discuss how the division in these areas developed
- Discuss the merits and demerits of these three (3) areas of division
- Provide ideas for solution
- Discuss solutions and the projection of success in reunifying America

Address the topic in a purposeful way that reflects original ideas and insight.

Support the main point with well-developed ideas and provide. examples

Organize in such a way to build a logical and coherent argument

All essays must be original, factually accurate and free from plagiarism. Discovered plagiarism will disqualify the application

Applicant's 500-word essay must be typed, double-spaced, using a 12-point font, on 8-1/2" x 11" unlined white bond paper in the English language.

Handwritten essays will not be accepted.

Sources cited in the essay must be properly footnoted; elimination of this disqualifies the essay.

Award Guidelines:

Two (2) \$1,000.00 scholarships will be awarded.

- One \$1,000.00 scholarship to a graduating high school senior.
- One \$1,000.00 scholarship to a student attending college/trade school.

All entries will be reviewed by the Whiteside County Republicans Scholarship Committee and WCR membership. The committee members will select the scholarship recipient based upon class ranking (or GPA) and thoroughness of written essay, with an emphasis on grammar, clarity, and realistic solution to the topic of concern.

The scholarships will be awarded in May 2022, payable to the college/trade school of the scholarship winners' choice.

Deadline:

All completed applications, documentation and essays shall be:

- Mailed to:
Whiteside County Republicans 2022 Scholarship
Attention: Paulette M. Selmi
203 3rd Avenue
Sterling, Illinois 61081

POSTMARKED Not Later than February 28, 2022

Submit questions to: docselmi@gmail.com

Scholarship Application Packet:

- Application form signed by school counselor/college advisor
- 500-word essay with cover page
- Copy of letter of acceptance from college applicant attends are or will be attending, signed by enrollment/college administrator
- Official copy of high school/college transcript on official letterhead and signed by counselor/college administrator



**WHITESIDE COUNT REPUBLICANS
APPLICATION
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Identifying Information

Student Name:

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ Telephone # (____) _____

Alt Telephone # (____) _____ E-Mail: _____

Are you a U.S. Citizen? ____ (Yes) ____ (No)

Are you a resident of Whiteside County, Illinois? ____ (Yes) ____ (No)

Are you a registered voter? ____ (Yes) ____ (No)

High School/College Information

Name of School:

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ Telephone # (____) _____

Date of (expected) High School Graduation: _____

College/Trade School attending: _____

Expected/Declared Major: _____

2 Year Institution: ____ 4 Year Institution: ____ (Check One)

Extracurricular Activities: (Organizations, Community Service, Music, Sports, etc.) _____

To Be Completed By School Counselor/College Advisor:

Cumulative GPA (Out of 4.00) _____ Class Rank _____ out of _____

Counselor/College Advisor Signature:

Counselor/College Advisor Printed

Date signed
