

## Sgt. Matt Weikert Scholarship

Sgt. Matt Weikert was a graduate of Jacksonville High School (JHS). He was known for his leadership and his attitude of service above self. He served several tours of duty in Afghanistan where he gave his life for his country and our freedom. This memorial scholarship is given in his honor.

For 2018, the Jacksonville ROTARY Club is offering the Sgt. Matt Weikert Scholarship which will award \$1000 to JHS Seniors and adults who graduated from JHS and will be attending Vocational School, Technical School or Community College. To be considered for this award an eligible student:

- MUST be a resident of the legally defined boundaries of Jacksonville, IL School District 117 (current JHS students), or a resident of the State of Illinois (past JHS graduates) and...
- Is a Senior at Jacksonville High School expecting to graduate in May-June of 2018 with plans to attend a vocational school, technical school or community college in 2018, or...
- Is a past graduate of Jacksonville High School with plans to attend a vocational school, technical school or community college in 2018.

**Please note: this scholarship is NOT for a 4 year de-greed program. Students seeking a 4 year program at a College or University should apply for the Jacksonville Rotary Scholarship. Children of current Rotarians are ineligible for this scholarship.**

This \$1000.00 scholarship will be paid directly to the scholarship recipient's selected school. The scholarship may be used toward tuition and/or school supplies including books. This application is due by March 23rd, 2018. Notification that application has been received will be within one week as long as a valid email address is provided, but no later than March 30th, 2018. The Rotary Scholarship Committee will interview selected finalists the week of April 16th, 2018, and notify winners of the scholarship(s) by April 23rd of 2018.

**If you should have any questions please call the ROTARY Scholarship School Contact,  
Allen Stare at: (217)-652-6106 (cell)**



### Sgt. Matt Weikert Scholarship Application Instructions

#### *On-line Application Process:*

1. Go to [www.jacksonvillerotary.com](http://www.jacksonvillerotary.com) and click on the SMW scholarship application link.
2. Save the application to your hard drive and add your initials to the end of the file name.
3. Close your web browser.
4. Open the application and complete it.
5. The essay question is limited to 300 words or less.
6. Save the completed application to your hard drive.

#### *E-mail your Completed Application and References:*

1. Scan your reference letters and save them as a \*.pdf file.
2. E-mail your completed application and reference letters to: [scholarship@jacksonvillerotary.com](mailto:scholarship@jacksonvillerotary.com)
3. Send your application, transcript, ACT score report and references **together in one e-mail**.
4. If successfully received, a reply e-mail will be sent to you by March 30th, 2018.
5. If you choose, you may write your responses in MS Word and e-mail them to the same address.

#### *Alternative (paper) Application Method:*

1. Complete the application on the inside of this brochure.
2. Hand-write or type your information on the application. (If necessary, you may use a separate sheet of paper.)
3. The essay question response is limited to 300 words or less.
4. Place your application, transcript and references together in a large manila envelope.
5. Mail your completed application and references to:

**Rotary Scholarship Committee  
P. O. Box 244  
Jacksonville, IL 62650**

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## Information and Application

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## **Sgt. Matt Weikert Scholarship Application**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: To be eligible for this scholarship, you must either be a graduate of, or a present senior of, Jacksonville High School (JHS) in Jacksonville, IL. You must be attending, or planning to attend, a vocational school, technical school, or a community college. If you plan on attending a college or university to obtain a 4-year degreed program, please apply for the Jacksonville Rotary Club Scholarship. NOTE: The immediate family of current Rotary Members are ineligible for this scholarship.**

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE/RESPONSIBILITIES/EMPLOYMENT**

List all appropriate items. Please make sure to include your role in each activity.

### **SHORT ESSAY**

Please write an essay, 300 words or less, on ONE of these topics: 1) A Time When You Helped Someone... What Did You Learn From It? 2) Describe a Project You Lead and What You Learned or 3) Describe Your Future Plans in Life. (Include on a separate piece of paper along with your completed application.)

**Weighted High School GPA:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ACT Score (composite):** \_\_\_\_\_

*(Please include copies of your High School Transcript and a copy of the ACT reporting form that shows both your name and your composite score)*

### **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

*Letters of Recommendation:* Include two (2) Letters of Recommendation from a Service Coordinator, Teacher, Counselor, Employer, etc. (No Relatives). Please instruct those submitting letters to explain why you, as the applicant, should win this award. (When mailing, make sure to include letters WITH the completed application).

(Deadline for submission is March 23rd, 2018 at 7pm to be considered. Once applications are scored, the top applicants will be interviewed the week of April 16th, 2018. At that time a copy of a letter of acceptance to vocational school, community college or technical school will be required. The winning applicant(s) will be notified by April 23rd, 2018.)