

SSG MATT WEIKERT SCHOLARSHIP

Staff Sergeant 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 Iraq and Afghanistan where he gave his life for his country and our freedom. This \$1000 scholarship is awarded in his honor.

The Jacksonville ROTARY Club is offering the SSG Matt Weikert Scholarship which will award \$1000 to seniors or adults who will be attending Vocational School, Technical School, Community College, or other institution of higher learning.

To be considered for this award an eligible student:

- Resident of the State of Illinois, and any of the following counties: Cass, Greene, Morgan, Scott expecting to graduate in May-June of 2025 with plans to attend a any institution of higher learning in 2025, **or**
- Is a past graduate of ANY school within the boundaries listed above.
- Is not a child of a current Rotarian

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 24, 2025. 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 28, 2025.

The Rotary Scholarship Committee will interview selected finalists the week of April 14, 2025, and notify winners of the scholarship(s) by May 9, 2025.

If you should have any questions, please call the Rotary Scholarship School Contact, Cathy Jo Wahl at (217) 883-1155.

SSG Matt Weikert Online Application Instructions

1. Go to www.jacksonvillerotary.org and click on the scholarship application link.
2. Save the application to your hard drive and add your name to the end of the file name.
3. Close your web browser.
4. Open the application and complete it.
5. Complete short answer questionnaire.
6. Save the completed application to your hard drive.
7. Scan your reference letters.
8. Save all scanned and electronic documents as PDFs.
9. Send completed application, transcript, and reference letters together in one e-mail by March 24, 2025 to: scholarship@jacksonvillerotary.org.
10. If successfully received, a confirmation e-mail will be sent to you by March 28, 2025.
11. Make sure to use YOUR NAME in the file name of all PDF documents. It is important that all application items be included as attachments to a SINGLE email message. Include your name in both the subject line and body of the message.

SSG Matt Weikert Paper Application Instructions

1. Complete the application inside this brochure.
2. Hand-write or type your information on the application. (If necessary, you may use a separate sheet of paper.)
3. The short answer questionnaire.
4. Place your application, transcript, SAT report and references together in a large manila envelope.
5. Mail your completed application and references to:

**Rotary Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 383
Jacksonville, IL 62651**



2025



The Rotary Club of Jacksonville SSG MATT WEIKERT SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION AND APPLICATION





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Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Please Initial: ____ No person in my immediate family is currently a member of a Rotary Club, nor has any person in my immediate family been a Rotary Club Member in the last six months.

COMMUNITY SERVICE/RESPONSIBILITIES/EMPLOYMENT

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

SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONNAIRE

Answer 3 out of the 5 questions. Use a separate piece of paper if needed.

1. When you finish school, what do you plan to do?

2. What job would you like to do after school? How would you learn to do that job?

3. Who is a person you admire? Why do you admire them?

4. If there something in your life that you are proud of, and what is it?

5. Why should we select you as our SSG Matt Weikert Scholarship winner? What are some of your strengths?

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Transcript & Letters of Recommendation: Please include copies of your High School Transcript, and one letter 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 24, 2025 at 7 p.m. to be considered. Once applications are scored, the top applicants will be interviewed during the week of April 14, 2025. At that time a copy of a letter of acceptance to your institution of choice will be required. Winning applicants will be notified by May 9, 2025.