SSG MATT WEIKERT SCHOLARSHIP

Staff Sergeant Matt Weikert was a graduate of Jacksonville High School. 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 scholarship of at least $1,000 is awarded in his honor.

The Jacksonville ROTARY Club is offering the SSG Matt Weikert Scholarship which will award at least $1,000 to seniors or recent graduates who will be attending Vocational School, Technical School, or Community College. Those planning to attend a 4-year institution are not applicable to this scholarship.

To be considered for this award an eligible student:

- MUST be a resident of the following Illinois counties: Cass, Greene, Morgan, or Scott
- MUST be a current senior expecting to graduate in May-June 2027, **or** is a recent graduate of ANY school within the boundaries listed above.
- Is not a child of a current Rotarian

This scholarship will be paid directly to the scholarship recipient's selected vocational/training program. The scholarship may be used toward tuition and fees. This application is due by March 1, 2027.

The Rotary Scholarship Committee will interview selected finalists the week of April 12, 2027, and notify winners of the scholarship by April 23, 2027.

If you should have any questions, please call the Rotary Scholarship Contact, Laurie Evans at (217)370-8322.



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 beginning 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. Ensure YOUR NAME is in the file name.
9. Send completed application, transcript, and reference letter together in one e-mail by March 1, 2027 to: scholarship@jacksonvillerotary.org
10. NOTE: 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. Complete the short answer questionnaire.
4. Place your application, transcript, and reference together in a large envelope.
5. Mail your completed application and references to:

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

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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/EMPLOYMENT/LEADERSHIP

Please list the work that you do to help others. This could be a job, volunteering, or other responsibilities.

SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONNAIRE

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

1. Describe your desire to attend a vocational school or training program.

2. What job/career would you like to do after your training and why?

3. Name a person you admire. Why do you admire them?

4. Tell us about something in your life that makes you proud.

5. Tell us about two of your strongest traits and how these strengths pay tribute to SSG Matthew Weikert.

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 all supporting documents WITH the completed application.

Deadline for submission is March 1, 2027 to be considered. Once applications are scored, the top applicants will be interviewed during the week of April 12, 2027. At that time a copy of a letter of acceptance to your institution of choice will be required. Winning applicants will be notified by April 23, 2027.