

**STERLING-ROCK FALLS COMMUNITY TRUST SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

<b>Scholarship Fund</b>	<b>No. of Scholarships</b>	<b>Dollar Amount of Grant</b>	<b>Criteria for Selection</b>
Sterling-Rock Falls Community Trust General Scholarship Fund	Varies	\$1000-1500 Local Community Colleges; \$1750-3000 all other colleges & universities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Graduate of a high school located in Sterling or Rock Falls, IL, attending post secondary educational institution (i.e. accredited vocational or trade school, jr. college, university, etc.).</li> <li>*Applicants must reside within the boundaries of the Sterling Rock Falls school districts.</li> <li>*Demonstrated financial need.</li> <li>*Students are awarded grants only on a one-year basis. Reapplication is necessary.</li> <li>*Scholarships intended for tuition of full-time students.</li> </ul>
Home Hospital Scholarship	Varies	To be determined; in 2018, 3 awards for \$500 each were given out	*Same criteria as for General Scholarship Fund. In addition, applicant must express interest in pursuing course of study in accredited institutions in <b>nursing or other health related field.</b>
W. Martin Dillon Memorial Scholarship Fund	1 per year	Four year scholarship award, \$2500 award per year. Intended for student attending four-year college or university.	*Same criteria as for General Scholarship Fund. In addition, applicant must intend to pursue a <b>career in the field of business.</b> (For current year graduating H.S. seniors only)
Helene R. Dillon Memorial Scholarship Fund	1 per year	Four year scholarship award, \$2500 award per year. Intended for student attending four-year college or university.	*Same criteria as for General Scholarship Fund. In addition, applicant must intend to pursue a <b>career in the field of education.</b> (For current year graduating H.S. seniors only)
Charles G. Bosco Memorial Scholarship Fund	1 every 4 years; <b>Not Available 2019</b>	Four year scholarship award, \$750-1000 award per year. Intended for student attending four-year college or university.	*Same criteria as for General Scholarship Fund. Also, applicant must (a) be ranked in the top 25% of graduating class, and (b) intend to pursue <b>studies in the field of Engineering</b> , preference of electrical engineering. (For current year graduating H.S. seniors only)
Russell & Margaret Koster Agricultural Scholarship	1 per year	To be determined; \$500 awarded in 2018	*Same criteria as General Scholarship Fund. In addition, applicant must show academic achievement and intend to pursue <b>career in the field of agriculture.</b> (For current graduating H.S. seniors only.)
Robert Propheeter Memorial Scholarship Fund	1 per year	TBD; \$800 in 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Same criteria as for General Scholarship Fund.</li> <li>*Academic achievement is also a factor.</li> <li>*Preference to high school, vocational school or college student pursuing <b>business or construction-related training.</b></li> </ul>

<p>Florence Potter Hankenson Memorial Scholarship Fund</p>	<p>1 every 4 years when available</p>	<p>Approximately \$250 per year, four-year scholarship award to University of Illinois. **Awarded every four years.</p>	<p>*Student standing highest in graduating class at Sterling High School and who will attend University of Illinois full-time. *Demonstration of financial need is not a criteria for selection.</p>
<p><b>**Not Available for 2019**</b></p>			
<p>Lucile Sudbury Memorial</p>	<p>1 per year</p>	<p>Approx. \$5,000; four year award</p>	<p>* Graduating senior of high school located in Sterling or Rock Falls <b>* Preference to full-time student attending Knox College OR</b> pursuing studies in the fields of music, creative writing, agriculture, home economics or forestry. * Demonstration of financial need is not a criteria for selection</p>
<p>Clement Hey Memorial Scholarship Fund</p>	<p>2 per year</p>	<p>\$2,000 per scholarship. One time annual scholarship awarded to graduating seniors.</p>	<p>*Graduating senior of high school located in Sterling or Rock Falls attending four-year college or university. Applicant must reside within the boundaries of the Sterling &amp; Rock Falls school districts. <b>*Based on academic achievement.</b> *Demonstration of financial need is not a criteria for selection. *Preference to full-time student pursuing <b>business career.</b></p>
<p>Keeney Fund</p>	<p>2 per year</p>	<p>Approx. \$700 per year</p>	<p>*Graduating senior of high school located in Sterling or Rock Falls. Applicant must reside within the boundaries of Sterling &amp; Rock Falls school districts. * Based on academic achievement &amp; extra-curricular activities; * Preference to full-time student pursuing <b>business, accounting or pre-law degree.</b></p>
<p>Cadet Thorp Scholarship</p>	<p>1-2 per year</p>	<p>To be determined; \$500 Awarded in 2018</p>	<p>*Graduating H.S. senior majoring in <b>law enforcement or criminal justice (preference to Sterling H.S.)</b> *Based on scholarship, athletics, extracurricular activities and personal character.</p>
<p>Jim &amp; Lenore McKinzie Scholarship Fund</p>	<p>1 per year</p>	<p>\$500-600 scholarship per year. (one award)</p>	<p>*Graduating senior attending Sterling High School; <b>apply at SHS</b> *Grade point average of 3.0 or higher and in upper one-half of graduating class. *Preference to full-time student planning a career in education. *Demonstration of financial need is not a major consideration</p>

# THE STERLING – ROCK FALLS COMMUNITY TRUST SCHOLARSHIPS

## Application Instructions

The Sterling-Rock Falls Community Trust administers a number of scholarship funds and welcomes the applications of high school seniors and college students. Application forms and additional information can be obtained from guidance counselors at high schools in Sterling and Rock Falls or from Midland States Bank, 302 First Avenue, Sterling, IL 61081 (Attention Peggy Carlson), phone (815) 622-1329.

### **Basic Requirements:**

1. **Residency** - Applicants must reside within the boundaries of the Sterling and Rock Falls school district and must be a graduate of an accredited high school in Sterling or Rock Falls.
2. **Certification by school** - A guidance counselor or principal of the high school from which the student has, or will, graduate must sign the last page of the application to confirm eligibility. A copy of the student's transcript must be included as part of the application.
3. **Financial information** - Many of the scholarships are available for up to moderate income families and financial need is a factor in their award. Students applying for any of these need-based scholarships must submit a copy of their parents' complete and signed federal income tax return for the current tax year, as well as the student's return, if any. This information needs to show the income of the person(s) who claims the applicant as a dependent.
4. **Enrollment Status**— Scholarships are awarded for benefit of full-time students.
5. **Deadline** – Applications are due April 1st. There may be additional funds available for scholarships after the initial awards are made, and the Community Trust accepts applications submitted after April 1<sup>st</sup>. up to July 1<sup>st</sup>. There is, however, no guarantee that any additional scholarships will be awarded from the July deadline applications.

### **Other information:**

6. **Amount of award** - The scholarship award amounts may vary from year-to-year and are dependent upon the funds and income available that is generated by the Trust. In the past, general scholarship awards to a community (2 year) school ranged from \$400 to \$1,500, and students attending a 4 year institution received between \$250 to \$3,000.
7. **Payment of funds** - Scholarship funds will be paid directly to the school that the successful scholarship applicant is attending.
8. **Renewal of Scholarships** - Applications for annual renewal of general scholarship grants are subject to satisfactory progress toward graduation and acceptable academic performance. The deadline for applications is the same as stated above. Scholarships may be available for students entering their fourth year of study at a college or university, depending upon available funds.

**Completed applications should be submitted to Midland States Bank**

**Attn: Peggy Carlson**

**302 First Avenue, Sterling, IL 61081**

**STERLING-ROCK FALLS COMMUNITY TRUST SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

(STUDENTS: Please read the Application Instructions and attached criteria for scholarships before completion.)

**I hereby make application for the following scholarship(s):**

**Scholarships requiring financial information (“need-based”):**

- \_\_\_\_\_ *Sterling – Rock Falls Community Trust General Scholarship*
- \_\_\_\_\_ *Home Hospital Scholarship* (health-related fields)
- \_\_\_\_\_ *W. Martin Dillon Memorial Scholarship* (majoring in business; 4 year award)
- \_\_\_\_\_ *Robert Propheter Memorial Scholarship* (preference to business or construction trades training)
- \_\_\_\_\_ *Helene R. Dillon Memorial Scholarship* (majoring in education; 4 year award)
- \_\_\_\_\_ *Charles G. Bosco Memorial Scholarship* (engineering; 4 year award) Not available for 2019
- \_\_\_\_\_ *Russell & Margaret Koster Agricultural Scholarship* (H.S. seniors only, majoring in agricultural-related field)

**Scholarships NOT requiring financial information:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ *Clement Hey Memorial Scholarship* (H.S. seniors only, based on academic achievement)
- \_\_\_\_\_ *Keeney Fund (Tom, Harry and Loraine) Scholarship* (H.S. seniors only, based on academic achievement & extra-curricular activities; preference to Business, Accounting, Pre-Law)
- \_\_\_\_\_ *Cadet Thorp Law Enforcement Scholarship* (H.S. seniors only, preference to SHS, majoring in law enforcement or criminal justice; based on scholarship, athletics, extracurricular activities and personal character)
- \_\_\_\_\_ *Lucile Sudbury Memorial Scholarship* (for students attending Knox College **OR** majoring in any of the following: music, creative writing, agriculture, home economics, forestry. 4 year award.)
- \_\_\_\_\_ *Florence Potter Hankenson* (Sterling H.S. students only, attending Univ of IL; Not available for 2019)

***Jim & Lenore McKinzie Scholarship*** (for SHS seniors only, majoring in education; see Guidance Office for application)

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

ID Number (or Social Security Number): \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (cell) \_\_\_\_\_ (home) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ Marital status: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Year and school of high school graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Seniors only: Class Rank \_\_\_\_\_ in class of \_\_\_\_\_

ACT Score \_\_\_\_\_ SAT score \_\_\_\_\_

GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Scale: A= \_\_\_\_\_

College currently attending/planning to attend \_\_\_\_\_

Current college academic year (freshman, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate cost for attending this institution for one year: \_\_\_\_\_

Probable Major/Career Objective:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Employment information:

<u>Type of work</u>	<u>Employer</u>	<u>Dates</u>

Extra-curricular activities, memberships in organizations, offices held (attach separate page if additional space is needed):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Parents' names and addresses:

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of dependent children living in your household: \_\_\_\_\_

**Special circumstances:** Please attach a statement of any special circumstances that you believe should be considered by the Board of Trustees in considering your scholarship request (e.g., financial hardships that would not be apparent from review of financial information).

I hereby certify under penalty of perjury as provided by law that the information submitted in this application is true, correct and complete.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Checklist for Attachments: (1) Pertinent financial information if required; (2) Transcript; and (3) Certification by High School (below)**

**Certification by High School**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**(Student Name)**

\_\_\_\_\_ The student named on this application will be a graduate this year.

\_\_\_\_\_ The student named on this application graduated in \_\_\_\_\_.  
(year)

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Principal/Assistant Principal/Guidance Counselor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of High School