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2025/2026 Tazewell County Republican Scholarship Announcement

Tazewell County Republicans believe in the future of American Exceptionalism, the U.S. Constitution, and the Founding Father's First Principles. We are engaged in the battle to preserve freedom and liberty in America. We believe our youth are our future and we are committed to supporting their efforts in continuing education and developing conservative values.

As such and in accordance with our Tazewell County Republican Mission/Vision and Strategic Goals, we are proud to announce the third annual Tazewell County Republican Scholarship Program!

The Tazewell County Republican Party, by special committee, will award \$1,000 scholarships to two Tazewell County high school seniors, one each to a male and a female, for use in post high school education at an accredited educational institution. Acceptable educational institutions include 2-year junior college, 4-year college or university, or an accredited trade school.

Visit our Tazewell County Republican website at www.tazewellgop.org/2026_scholarships for more information and to download the scholarship packet.

Eligibility

To be eligible to compete for a Tazewell County Republican scholarship, students must first meet the following criteria:

- Applying students must be a resident of Tazewell County, Illinois for the entire 2025/2026 academic school year and be eligible for a high school diploma in the 2025/2026 school year.
- The student must provide their most recent academic transcript proving a cumulative 3.0/4.0 or equivalent GPA.
- Students must be participating in a school extracurricular activity and/or an outside community service project or program.

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- The student must have at least one letter of recommendation from a teacher, clergy, coach, mentor, etc.

Note: Immediate family members of Tazewell County Republican Party officers and/or the Scholarship Selection Committee are not eligible.

Those students who are eligible to compete for the scholarship will then be asked to compose a 1,000 to 1,200 - word essay answering the following topic; *Excluding the signing of the Declaration of Independence, what do you feel is the single most impactful event in American history and how did it effect the future of the U.S. and the world?*

Regarding the use of Artificial Intelligence in writing essays; while AI can be used as a tool to help brainstorm ideas and improve the structure of your scholarship essay, it is not appropriate to solely rely on AI to write your entire essay as it can lack authenticity and may be detected by scholarship reviewers, potentially harming your application. Always ensure your unique voice and personal experiences shine through in the final product.

Eligible High School Seniors who are competing for these scholarships must have their completed scholarship packets received by the Scholarship Committee no later than the end of day, Friday, March 20th, 2026. Selection of the winning applicants will be made by April 3rd, 2026 and notification will be shortly thereafter.

We ask that you share this scholarship application and encourage any high school seniors who you feel may be eligible for these scholarships to download our Tazewell County Republican Scholarship Packet at www.tazewellgop.org/2026_scholarships and compete! Our future is in our youth's hands; we want to contribute to tomorrow's leaders.

Questions or comments? Please contact me at chairman@tazewellgop.org or call/text me at 309-208-9930.

Thank you,

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