

Kiwanis Club of Bolingbrook/Romeoville
2019 DEBBIE BIELAWSKI SCHOLARSHIP FOR STUDENTS
EXCELLING WITH CHARACTER
INFORMATION AND APPLICATION FORM

Application Deadline: *April 5, 2019*
Complete & Submit to: *Ron Oestreich*
 Bolingbrook Park District
 201 Recreation Dr
 Bolingbrook, IL 60440

The Kiwanis Club of Bolingbrook/Romeoville Debbie Bielawski Scholarship Award is granted to graduating seniors at Bolingbrook High School and Romeoville High School who will be enrolled at an accredited college, university or vocational school for the following school year. The purpose of this award is to recognize students for his/her consistent display of good character through: being honest and trustworthy, being respectful, demonstrating responsibility, making a difference in the lives of others, and demonstrating good citizenship both during school and in the community. Although class rank or GPA is not the primary requirement of the award, Kiwanis Club of Bolingbrook/Romeoville believes that working to achieve a quality education is not just through good grades, but through good character as well. The Kiwanis Club of Bolingbrook/Romeoville Debbie Bielawski Scholarship Award seeks to recognize effort as much as results. **The scholarship amount is \$600.00.**

To be eligible for the award, the candidate must be a student at Bolingbrook or Romeoville High School, meeting all requirements for graduation by the end of the current school year. The candidate must have applied and been accepted by at least one accredited public or private college, university or vocational school. The application and all attachments must be typed or printed clearly and must include the following:

1. Completed Kiwanis Club of Bolingbrook/Romeoville Debbie Bielawski Scholarship Application, signed by student and principal or guidance counselor.
2. Official copy of school transcript.
3. Copies of acceptance letters for all schools where the student has applied.
4. One signed letter of recommendation from High School counselor, faculty member or administrator identifying specific leadership, community service, and/or special circumstances that candidate was faced with and how they successfully overcame these through the demonstration of character. In addition, marked improvement in grades, attendance or behavior choices should be highlighted, as these successes are a strong indication of character maturity.
5. One to two signed letters of recommendation from a community or religious leader, employer or close family friend (no family members).
6. Essay of at least 250 words on one of the following topics:
 - a. Describe why you feel character development is important in your journey to becoming an adult member of your community
 - b. Describe how you have been a good example of at least 3 of the following areas of character: being honest and trustworthy, being respectful, demonstrating responsibility, making a difference in the lives of others, and demonstrating good citizenship

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Name _____
 Last **First** **M.I.**

Address _____
 Street

City **State** **Zip**

Home Phone _____ **Cell Phone** _____

Email Address _____

Date of Birth _____
 MM/DD/YY

Parents/Guardian Name(s) _____

ACCEPTANCE

List any/all colleges, universities or vocational school to which you have applied:

Name of Institution City State

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SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

List any extra-curricular school activities and year(s) of participation. List which area of character was needed to participate in those activities:

List any awards or recognition from school or school organizations and list which area of character was used in order to achieve these awards or recognition:

List any/all jobs, summer employment or in-school work (cafeteria, bookstore, etc.) and list which area of character was needed during your employment:

COMMUNITY SERVICE, CHURCH OR CHARITABLE ACTIVITY

List any/all organizations you assisted, and list in detail the service hours provided:

List any/all volunteer service to others, and hours served that were of your own initiative, rather than as part of an organization or group. Examples: assisting youth athletic leagues; assisting an elderly person with housework, shopping, visitations, etc.; tutoring or mentoring a younger student; or any civic activity to improve our community:

Are there any special circumstances, disabilities, or situations that you had to overcome in order to succeed in high school that would be an example to others of dedication and commitment to achieving a goal? Please be specific:

Should I be awarded this scholarship, I agree to provide the Kiwanis Club of Bolingbrook/Romeoville with the address of my college's financial aid or scholarship office and proof of enrollment as requested.

I hereby acknowledge that the information presented here is factual and represents work that I have completed.

Applicant Signature

Date

I hereby acknowledge that this applicant is a student in good standing at current High School as of this date.

Principal or Counselor Signature

Date

I hereby acknowledge that this applicant has consistently displayed good character through his/her practice of the areas of character.

Principal or Counselor Signature

Date