



December 1, 2022

Dear Applicant for the Barbara J. Rakoski / Cathie A. Tonkin Volunteerism College Scholarship,

Holly Club of Joliet was founded in 1889 by a small group of young women who had a heart for service and wanted to help the less fortunate within their own community. It is fitting, then, that today Holly Club awards scholarships every year to young people who also demonstrate a heart for service.

The Barbara J. Rakoski and Cathie A. Tonkin Volunteerism College Scholarship is named for the two Holly Club members who spearheaded the award and who faithfully served the club for years. Barbara Rakoski joined Holly Club in 1984 and was an active member until her passing in 2003. After Barb's death, Cathie Tonkin chaired the volunteerism scholarship committee for more than a decade. At the time of her passing in 2020, Cathie was a Holly Club Patroness.

Holly Club scholarships are one way in which members demonstrate commitment to the youth in our community. We hope to recognize and encourage young people who are already exhibiting the practice of being outward focused and showing gratitude through the act of giving back.

Consequently, while we wish to award students (male or female) whose GPA and college entrance scores demonstrate the ability to succeed in post-high school academics, it is the characteristic of desiring to serve that is the most important in the selection process.

In 2023, three recipients pursuing a two-year or four-year degree will be awarded a one-time \$1,000 scholarship. Application materials are being provided to 16 area high schools in the greater Joliet area; more than one winner per school is permissible.

Following are the required application materials for candidates who wish to be considered for this scholarship. **Deadline for submission is February 15, 2023.**

**Sincerely,**

**Holly Club's Barbara J. Rakoski Volunteerism College Scholarship Committee:**

*Denise Bartolotta and Bonnie Hassan*



## Barbara J. Rakoski / Cathie A. Tonkin 2022-2023 Volunteerism College Scholarship APPLICATION

*Eligible applicants must attend high school in the greater Joliet area. Please check with your school counselor for eligibility. Information provided **MUST** be entered electronically.*

### PERSONAL INFORMATION

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(street, city, zip)

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

### ACADEMIC INFORMATION

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

GPA \_\_\_\_\_ ACT/SAT Score \_\_\_\_\_  
(indicate if weighted)

College you hope to attend/location \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been accepted? \_\_\_\_\_ If not, when will you know? \_\_\_\_\_

Program(s) of study you are considering \_\_\_\_\_

### VOLUNTEERISM/EXTRACURRICULAR INFORMATION

Please detail your volunteer activities by naming the organization, describing what you do there, how many months/years you have participated, and the **TOTAL NUMBER OF HOURS YOU HAVE GIVEN, TO DATE, IN SERVICE TO EACH ORGANIZATION:**

***The following needs to be completed ONLY if your attached resume does NOT include the information requested:***

List your high school involvement and years participating (clubs, athletics, etc.):

List any other activities/involvement and when they occurred (job, church, music lessons, scouts, etc.):

List any special recognition or award(s) you may have earned during your high school years (though not limited to school recognition)

### **INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMISSION**

***For your application to be considered, the following directions must be precisely followed:***

Please send an email to Bonnie Hassan at [b.kiers17@gmail.com](mailto:b.kiers17@gmail.com) with a subject line of HOLLY CLUB SCHOLARSHIP FILE and attach to that email as **ONE SCANNED DOCUMENT saved with your last name first** (i.e. "Smith, Mary -- Scholarship File") the following:

- 1. This completed, typed application**
- 2. Your resume**
- 3. A typed 250 – 350-word essay** detailing how your various volunteer experiences have impacted you as well as those whom you have served.
- 4. One letter of recommendation** from an adult who supervises a volunteer activity in which you regularly participate. Details/anecdotes regarding your commitment to service are especially important.

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS FEBRUARY 15, 2023**