



Austin Area REALTORS® Scholarship Program

The Scholarships Offered

The Austin Area REALTORS® Scholarship Committee, a subcommittee of the Austin Member Services Committee of the Southeast Minnesota REALTORS® is offering **\$3,000** in total scholarships to three area graduating high school seniors (**Spring 2018**). **Application deadline: 5:00 p.m. April 6th, 2018**

Two of the awards will be granted to seniors from the general public and one scholarship will be awarded to the son, daughter, step-child, step-grandchild or grandchild of a current Austin Area REALTOR® member. In the event there are no applicants for the REALTOR®-related scholarship, another scholarship will be awarded from among the applicants for the general public scholarship.

Application Rules

Information pertaining to the scholarship will be provided to high school guidance offices.
Application deadline: 5:00 p.m. April 6th, 2018

Six finalists will be selected from the submitted applications and those finalists will:

- A. Appear before the Scholarship Committee of the Austin Member Services Committee to present a three minute speech on a selected subject. Subject topic will be provided to finalists at time of selection.
- B. Answer questions posed by the Scholarship Committee.
- C. Be prepared to ask the Scholarship Committee questions of their choice.

The Austin Scholarship Committee Members will make all decisions and these decisions will be final. Announcement of the scholarship winners will be made through local media.

The winners of the scholarship must be available to receive scholarship and recognition at a subsequent meeting of the Austin area REALTORS® of the Southeast Minnesota REALTORS® and provide recent photo for publication.

Scholarship Criteria

The criteria for all scholarships are:

- A. Student must have a 3.0 grade point average or better and demonstrate a strong commitment to pursuing a degree at an accredited institution.
- B. Student must attend an accredited post-secondary school or money will be forfeited and returned to the Southeast Minnesota REALTORS®.
- C. Consideration will be given to **financial need, academic achievement and extra curricular activities**.

- D. Students must reside in the Austin area REALTORS® service area as defined by the Scholarship Committee.
- E. Each scholarship award will be given to the students upon final selection.

This scholarship is available to 2018 Austin area high school graduates regardless of race, color, creed, religion, sex, national origin, age, marital status, sexual orientation, status with regard to public assistance, or disability.

**Send the completed Application Form to
 REALTOR® Scholarship Committee
 C/O Sterling Real Estate
 1426 First Avenue SW, Austin Minnesota 55912.**

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Scholarship Application

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Name of Applicant _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____ Phone _____

If you are related to a current REALTOR® member of the Southeast Minnesota REALTORS® Austin area, please provide the name of the REALTOR® and your relationship to this person: (name) _____ and relationship _____.

Education:

Will graduate from _____ on _____

Education/course of study planning to pursue: _____

Vocation Choices:

1. _____ 2. _____

Planning to attend: _____

Financial Resources:

Anticipated annual cost: _____

Member of immediate family in post-secondary education in addition to applicant:

Name

Institution

What financial resources (grants, scholarships, school loans, family help, personal funds, etc. will you be using to help meet these expenses: _____

If you are employed, indicate where: _____

Please explain any aspect of your general family situation, which you deem relevant to this scholarship:

Household total yearly income:

Less than \$10,000	\$30,000-40,000	\$60,000-70,000	More than \$100,000
\$10,000-20,000	\$40,000-50,000	\$70,000 - \$80,000	
\$20,000-30,000	\$50,000-60,000	\$80,000 - \$100,000	

Activities:

List activities in which you have participated in school, church or community. Also any honors or special recognition you have received. _____

ESSAY QUESTIONS

1. Why are you deserving of this scholarship?

2. Why is further education important in your future?

3. What has been your most worthwhile experience?

If more space is needed, please use additional paper and attach to this document.

References:

List two references from whom additional information may be obtained if needed.

Name _____ Address _____

Name _____ Address _____

Please attach an **official copy of your high school transcript** or verification of current grade point (3.0 or better is required to apply). The school is hereby authorized to release school transcripts to the Southeast Minnesota REALTORS®.

I hereby attest that the information contained herein is accurate:

Signature of Applicant (Date)

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian (Date)

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You may copy this Word document to your own computer and type your answers directly on the form or print it out and write your answers – they must be legible. Signatures must be hand-written.