June 2023

Dear Township Supervisor:

The Clerks Division of the Township Officials of Illinois will present the William Z. Ahrends Award to a Clerk from our Division during the Annual Education Conference in November at the Awards Breakfast.

William Z. Ahrends served as Rooks Creek Township Clerk in Livingston County from April 1949 to August 1990. Mr. Ahrends was inspired to organize two township officials associations: the Town Clerks Division of TOI and the Livingston County Association. He served from 1957 to 1963 as the first president of the Town Clerks Division and is the only person ever appointed Director Emeritus of Township Officials of Illinois.

The recipient of this prestigious award will be selected from nominations received from the

Township Officials of Illinois membership. We need your help in identifying possible recipients. Within our organization there are undoubtedly clerks who are outstanding professionals and community leaders. We ask you to use this nomination form to let us know of these individuals.



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*I was so appreciative of being the award recipient. It was wonderful being recognized for the job I love and put my heart and soul into!!*

Sherry Tite, Clerk Wood River Township, Madison County, recipient 2020

Please keep in mind that the deadline to receive nominations is Friday, September 15, 2023. With your participation, we will make this award presentation, honoring Mr. Ahrends, a success.

Sincerely,

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Katy Dolan Baumer, President

Township Clerks of Illinois

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William Z. Ahrends Award

Application

Selection Criteria: The William Z. Ahrends Award is presented to a clerk who has attained and personified a high level of professionalism as a Town Clerk, has devoted time and energy to the community in which they serve, and has generously assisted other clerks or elected officials in attaining their full potential. Nominee must be a town clerk in good standing with the Clerks Division of the Township Officials of Illinois.

Nominee: *Clerk’s Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

*Township: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

*Best Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

*E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

*Street Address:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_City: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Zip: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_



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| Nominator: | *Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Position/Office: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_* |
|  | *Best Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_* |
|  | *E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_* |
| Instructions: | Please receive the nominee’s permission before submitting the application. Application, with |

nomination discussion, must be returned no later than Friday, September 15, 2023. The following items should be addressed in your nomination discussion.

* How has this Clerk demonstrated support of Township government in your community?
* What accomplishments has s/he accomplished during his/her tenure?
* What Community Service aspects of local government activities has s/he been involved?
* What achievements or awards has the nominee received, or has s/he been noted in publications?
* What other offices does s/he hold in the community?
* Provide additional information that pertains to the desired criteria and describe why this nominee should receive the Award.

Please return Application to: The Honorable Bryan E. Smith, Ahrends Award Committee Chair

3569 Redlich Dr

Decatur, IL 62521

townshipcheerleader@gmail.com

# Application Due Date: Friday, September 15, 2023

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