



# This I Believe 2018 Event Details

*This I Believe is NPR Illinois' annual essay program for Illinois high school seniors;  
An expression of belief on the verge of adulthood.*

2018 marks the 12th class of high school seniors NPR Illinois will ask to share what they believe. This I Believe was started by radio journalist Edward R. Murrow in 1951 to allow anyone able to distil the guiding principles by which they lived.

The Rotary Club of Springfield Sunrise has partnered with NPR Illinois and provides a scholarship to the selected authors. The program began in 2007 and has been support by the Rotary Club of Springfield Sunrise each year. The club provides each selected author with a \$100 scholarship when they read their essay at a Rotary meeting.



The State Journal-Register supports the effort each year by printing the selected essays in the Voice section.

NPR Illinois will air the essays in their authors' voices the last three weeks of February (at approximately 7:45 am and 4:45 pm). The audio will also be streamed at nprillinois.org. Previous essays are available on the website at nprillinois.org under the "more" tab.

## 2018 DEADLINE & PROGRAM DATES

DATE	ITEM	NOTES
Jan 2	Essay Submissions Accepted	Go to nprillinois.org under the "more" tab
Jan 31	<b>Essay Deadline (11:59:59 pm)</b>	<b>All essays sent to NPR Illinois</b>
Feb 12 & 13	Notifications made	Notifications made to students, families, teachers
Feb 14, 21, 28	Rotary Sunrise Visits	Students attend to read their essay
Feb 22, Mar 1	Essays run in SJ-R The Voice	
Feb 19 – 23, Feb 26 – Mar 2	Essays run on NPR Illinois	At approximately 7:45 am & 4:45 pm

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