



# This I Believe 2023 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.*

2023 marks the 18th 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 distill 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 supported by the Rotary Club of Springfield Sunrise each year. The club provides each selected author with an award.

Last year, a breakfast event at the University of Illinois Springfield Student Union was held to celebrate the chosen essayists and 17<sup>th</sup> year of the program. This year, another culminating event will occur.



NPR Illinois will air the essays in their authors' voices the last two weeks of October (at approximately 7:45 am and 4:45 pm). The audio will also be streamed at [nprillinois.org](http://nprillinois.org). Previous essays are available on the website at [nprillinois.org](http://nprillinois.org) under the "Community Voices" tab.

## 2023 DEADLINE & PROGRAM DATES

DATE	ITEM	NOTES
Sep 5	Essay Submissions Accepted	Go to <a href="http://nprillinois.org">nprillinois.org</a> under the "Community Voices" tab
Oct 4	<b>Essay Deadline (11:59:59 pm)</b>	<b>All essays sent to NPR Illinois</b>
Oct 16 & Oct 17	Notifications made	Notifications made to students, families, teachers
Oct 23 - Oct 27 Oct 30 - Nov 3	Essays run on NPR Illinois	At approximately 7:45 am & 4:45 pm
Nov 2	Essays in the newspaper	Essays published in the Illinois Times
Nov 9	Meet the Authors	6:30pm at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum