



This I Believe 2022 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.

2022 marks the 16th 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 supported by the Rotary Club of Springfield Sunrise each year. The club provides each selected author with an award.



Last year, a virtual event was held to celebrate the chosen essayists and 15th year of the program. This year, another culminating event will occur.

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

NPR Illinois will air the essays in their authors' voices the last two 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 "Community Voices" tab.

2022 DEADLINE & PROGRAM DATES

DATE	ITEM	NOTES
Jan 4	Essay Submissions Accepted	Go to nprillinois.org under the "Community Voices" tab
Jan 27	Essay Deadline (11:59:59 pm)	All essays sent to NPR Illinois
Feb 7 & 8	Notifications made	Notifications made to students, families, teachers
Feb 18 & Feb 25	Essays run in SJ-R	
Feb 14 - 18, Feb 21 - 25	Essays run on NPR Illinois	At approximately 7:45 am & 4:45 pm
March 30* <small>subject to change due to COVID conditions</small>	Evening Event	Essayists read their essays at the live/Live streamed event