

Elizabeth Historical Society
P.O. Box 115
111 East Myrtle Street
Elizabeth, IL 61028

Virginia Holidy Historical Society Scholarship Application

Virginia Klopf Holidy was a former resident of Elizabeth and longtime supporter of the Elizabeth Historical Society. She was the daughter of Edward and Emma Klopf of rural Elizabeth. Virginia graduated in the class of 1949 from Elizabeth High School.

In her memory, the Elizabeth Historical Society has established this fund to support students graduating from River Ridge School with a $1,000 scholarship; renewable for up to 4 years. This scholarship can be used for expenses related to skills training, community college, or 4-year college education.

Applications should be received (sent to)
by April 30, 2026 to
Virginia Holidy Historical Society Scholarship
Elizabeth Historical Society
P.O. Box 115
110 E. Myrtle St.
Elizabeth, IL 61028

OR
Emailed to: kthorsen@riverridge210.org

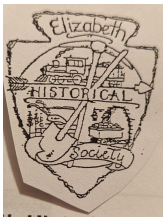
ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

1. Applicant must be a senior graduating from River Ridge High School.
2. Applicant must have performed community service including volunteering with the Elizabeth Historical Society.
3. Applicant must plan to continue his/her education.
4. Applicant must present a plan for the next step of his/her life; how money will be used.
5. Financial need may be taken into consideration

APPLICATION PROCESS:

1. Applicant must complete all components of the application.
2. Please type the application and return it with the following attachments:
    a. One (1) letter of recommendation from a trusted adult
    b. A brief 250-500 word essay describing your service in the community
    c. Tell us briefly (no more than one page) what you plan to do next and how you will use the money if awarded. Applicant must complete all components of the application.
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b. One (1) letter of recommendation from a trusted adult
c. A brief 250-500 word essay describing your service in the community
d. List of community activities/events and when you participated
e. Tell us briefly (no more than one page) what you plan to do next and how you will use the money if awarded.
f. To be included in your future plans essay:
    –What school will you be attending? –What do you plan to major in/study?
    –What is your financial need?
    –How will you use the money if awarded



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Scholarship Application

Name:_____

Address:_____

Phone Number:_____

Email:_____

Parent/Guardian Names(s):_____

List your involvement in community activities on a separate piece of paper

Essay:

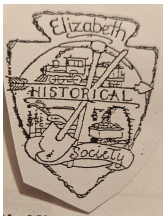
On a separate page, please prepare a brief statement (250-500 words) describing your community service and why you chose them.

Your plan for school and using the funds:

On a separate page, tell us briefly (no more than one page) what you plan to do next and how you will use the money if awarded.

Question	Criteria Description	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
List of Community Services	–Quantity _____ –Why you chose them _____ Reasoning is genuine, compassionate impact of service was substantial. _____ Well stated and explained. Flowed well										
Essay	–Score the Explanation of educational plans: –clear _____ –concise _____ –convincing _____ Well stated and explained. Flowed well										
Plan for the funds	–Score the plan 10 (clear/strong)-1 (not clear/weak) –clear _____ -concise _____ -decisive										
	Total Score:										

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Student #: _____

SCORING CRITERIA:
Scholarship is awarded based on the student's desire to continue his/her education and has demonstrated care/involvement for the community through his/her community service efforts.

Criteria	Description	Strong	Moderate	Weak	
List of Community Services	**Quantity**	Substantial amount of service	Adequate amount of service	Weak amount of service	
Community Services	**Why you chose them**	Reasoning is genuine, compassionate impact of service was substantial. Well stated and explained. Flowed well	Reasoning was somewhat genuine, compassionate impact of service was adequate. Adequately stated and explained. Had gaps in the flow	Reasoning seemed as if it lacked genuineness, compassion, impact of service was less than adequate. Lacked direction and explanation. Little to no flow	
ESSAY: Plans for the future	**Educational plans**	Plans are: clear -concise -decisive Well stated and explained. Flowed well	Plans are redundant and lacked continuity. Adequately stated and explained. Had gaps in the flow	Plans are vague and not very explained. Lacked direction and explanation. Little to no flow	
ESSAY: Plans for the funds	**How will money be used**	Explanation/plan is: –clear -concise -decisive	Explanation/plan is somewhat –clear -concise -decisive	Explanation/Plan is vague and not very explained	
