



2026 HISTORY AWARD

Freeport Historical Society Mission:

Freeport Historical Society is a non-profit organization whose mission is engaging our community to experience connections between past and present.

About the award:

With this award, Freeport Historical Society encourages continuing involvement in history. The Society seeks to recognize, honor, and support students who are critical thinkers, who explore research, communicate findings, and share knowledge with others through excellence in their studies. This year, Freeport Historical Society is offering a \$500 award to one student planning to study history or related studies (can be social studies education, archeology, anthropology, journalism, archival studies, museum studies, public history, and/or regional or geographical histories) at the postsecondary level.

Criteria:

- Must be a Freeport High School graduating Senior.
- Must be entering a two or four-year college or university.
- Must submit a letter of recommendation from a high school teacher or counselor.
- Must submit an application and an essay relating to their interest in history.

The selection will be made by a committee from the Freeport Historical Society. The award will be given to the student at the spring awards ceremony. Funds are to be used for tuition, books, transportation, or other school related expenses.

APPLICANT/STUDENT INFORMATION

Date: _____

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/Town: _____ State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

*(*you may leave the address blank if it is the same as the applicant's)*

Parent or Guardian 1:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Parent or Guardian 2:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

ESSAY

Type an essay (up to 500 words) on a separate sheet about the following:

Why is history important to you? Going forward, how do you intend to pursue history or related studies, such as social studies education, archeology, anthropology, journalism, archival studies, museum studies, public history, and/or regional or geographical histories?

SIGNATURE

Applicant Signature: _____

TURN IN SUMMARY

Please submit the following items to the Freeport High School Guidance Office by
Wednesday, April 8, 2026:

- 1) Completed application form with student signature
- 2) A typed copy of your essay
- 3) Letter of recommendation
- 4) Transcript

(Note: Please use a paperclip. Do not staple papers together.)

Best of luck for your future.

Congratulations to all Freeport High School Seniors!

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