



**VERNA ROSS ORNDORFF SCHOLARSHIP  
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**Attention Illinois High School Students!  
Is a \$1,000 Scholarship in your future?!**

Are you the next winner of the Illinois State Historical Society's Verna Ross Orndorff Scholarship? The ISHS is offering this prestigious award of \$1,000 for the best 1,500-word essay written by an Illinois high school student on the subject of Abraham Lincoln or the Civil War era in Illinois. **Essays must be submitted by January 31st of every year.**

(1) The focus of the essay should be about Abraham Lincoln or a significant event in the Civil War period in Illinois;

(2) Essay should be 1,500 words with a title page, outline, annotated bibliography, and suggestions for further reading; (3) The name of the student; address and e-mail; phone number; name of school; and name of student's teacher, must be provided with submission of the application for the scholarship. Included in this mailing is the application. Please feel free to make as many copies as needed. You may also email [kim.jones@historyillinois.org](mailto:kim.jones@historyillinois.org) for a copy to be emailed.

The student whose essay is chosen will receive a \$1,000 scholarship and a Certificate of Achievement. The Award will be presented at the Illinois State Historical Society's Annual Awards Banquet in 2025. Additionally, the winner's paper will be published in a forthcoming issue of *Illinois Heritage* magazine. For more information, call (217) 525-2781.

Entries should be mailed to the Society office at 411 E. Monroe St., PO Box 1800, Springfield, IL 62705-1800 or email Kimberly Jones at [kim.jones@historyillinois.org](mailto:kim.jones@historyillinois.org). This scholarship is named for a lifelong student of Illinois history, Vera Ross Orndorff, a native of River Forest, Illinois.



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**Submission must be postmarked or emailed by January 31, 2025**

Student First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

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Teacher-Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (school): \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Name of local newspaper:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Email address or website:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Essay:**

(please use additional paper if necessary)