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2026 POST HIGH SCHOOL LEARNING SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Information Sheet

Note: You do not have to major in history to qualify. Any area of study is acceptable.

The Addison Historical Society is accepting applications for its 2026 Post High School Learning Scholarship Program. This year the Society plans to award one \$1,000 scholarship. To apply for the scholarship, please complete this 3-page application, along with supplemental material. Completed submissions are due by Friday April 10, 2026.

Please make sure you meet our Eligibility Requirements.

Eligibility Means That You Are:

- 1) A high school Senior or one with an equivalent number of credits to graduate from high school or a high school graduate.
- 2) A resident of Addison or unincorporated Addison. Students who are home schooled or attend a school outside of Addison are eligible as long as you are an Addison resident.
- 3) Accepted to or enrolled in into a 2 or 4-year college or trade school.

Requirements: (Note there is no GPA requirement).

- 1) A completed Personal Information and Release Form, p. 3.

- 2) A letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor, or administrator. Please make sure that your reference provides detailed information about their relationship to you and specific knowledge of your activities and achievements.
- 3) A 400-word personal essay about how the scholarship will enhance your specific goals. Explain what you intend to study and why it is important to your current and future personal and career plans. Do not focus on the financial assistance the scholarship will provide.
- 4) A 200-word essay about what the 250th anniversary of founding of our nation/or the 100th anniversary of Route 20/Lake St. in 2026 mean to you.
- 5) Descriptions of all school and extracurricular activities. (See 1 & 2 below.)
- 6) A signed and dated Personal Information and Release form allowing the Addison Historical Society to use your name, submitted information and picture in press releases, on our website and social media platforms, p. 3.

Use additional paper to complete the following:

- 1) Describe your activities as a student at the school you attend (clubs, sports, leadership positions, honors). If you are a high school student, List Senior year first, then Junior year, Sophomore and Freshman years next. If you are not a high school student, List most current year first, then previous year(s).
- 2) Describe your activities in the community (park district, library, museum, NEDSRA, Scouts, etc.) and if applicable at your church, mosque or temple.
- 3) If there is anything else you would like the Scholarship Committee to know about you, (for example additional responsibilities at home and/or paid work), please explain in detail.
- 4) Personal Essay.
- 5) USA 250/Route 20/Lake St. Centennial Essay.

**Personal Information and Release
(Please Print)**

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Do you text? _____

Email Address: _____

School Name and ID #: _____

Names of up to 3 colleges/trade schools to which you have been accepted or attend

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

The college/trade school you choose to attend or attend and their address. (The scholarship award is sent directly to the school). We will make sure that your scholarship is sent to the correct department and person.

Have you ever volunteered for the Addison Historical Society? Yes No If Yes, what was your specific role and when did you volunteer?

I attest that all information I have submitted is true and accurate. I grant the Addison Historical Society permission to use my name, submitted information and picture in press releases, on their website, and social media platforms.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____