

# Verona Area High School

## Local Scholarship Application 2017-18

**Due Date:** A typed application with essay is due to the Student Services office by **03/01/18**. Late applications will be marked late and may not receive equal consideration. Your transcript will be added to your application and reviewed by the committee.

**Eligibility:** The student must be currently enrolled, attending full time, and completing an approved program leading toward a VAHS diploma to be awarded in the current year. The student must have successfully completed two semesters of course work while enrolled at VAHS. Students who earned a VAHS diploma in the first semester of the graduating year are also eligible.

Completion of this application makes the VAHS student eligible for all local scholarships facilitated by the VAHS Scholarship Committee. Criteria for these scholarships varies and is determined by the donor. Most scholarships reward service and leadership in our school and local communities. Exemplary scholarship is an important criterion for many, but not all, local scholarships. Some scholarships are designated for students interested in particular fields of study. The committee makes every effort to match the student with the outlined criteria for the scholarship. Amount of award varies, also, with the average being a \$500-\$1,000 one-time award.

| GENERAL INFORMATION                                   |                |
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| Student Name*   |                |
| Phonetic Pronunciation of Your Name*                  |                |
| Student ID*   |                |
| Exploration Academy Student Portfolio URL             | (EA only)      |
| Post-Secondary School (college, technical, military)* | First Choice:  |
|   | Second Choice: |
| Probable college major or field of study*             | First Choice:  |
|   | Second Choice: |

\*required fields

The student submitting this scholarship application agrees to release an academic transcript, test scores, and other submitted information to the VAHS Scholarship Committee and any approved representative(s) from organizations donating scholarships for use in the scholarship selection purposes. All student information received through the scholarship application process is held in the strictest confidence.

Signature of Student

Date Signed

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- Please check the box of the scholarships you would like to apply for. Use the criteria listing attached to this file (scroll down) to assess your eligibility.
- If you prefer, a paper copy of the criteria listing is available in Student Services.

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|  | Angela Davies                                      |
|  | Alvin G. Groth Memorial                            |
|  | Barb Price Memorial                                |
|  | Core Knowledge Charter School Scholarship          |
|  | Conzemius Scholars                                 |
|  | Debbie's Daughter Memorial Scholarship             |
|  | Earl Blizzard Memorial                             |
|  | James E. Doyle Memorial                            |
|  | Jan Reed Memorial                                  |
|  | Jessica Tidd Memorial                              |
|  | Joseph Henderson Memorial                          |
|  | Katie Udelhofen-Clark Memorial Scholarship         |
|  | Keith Simmons Memorial                             |
|  | Meister Scholarship                                |
|  | Michael C. Spellman Scholarship                    |
|  | Opportunity 34 Scholarship                         |
|  | Ray W. Nelson Memorial                             |
|  | St. James Lutheran Church Scholarship              |
|  | State Bank of Cross Plains Scholarship             |
|  | Tim Harrington Memorial                            |
|  | UW Health Healthcare Career Scholarship            |
|  | VASD Administrative Team Scholarship               |
|  | VASD Multicultural Student Scholarship             |
|  | VASD Partners Actively Learning (PALs) Scholarship |
|  | VAHS Alumni Scholarship                            |
|  | VAHS Wildcat Scholarship                           |
|  | Verona Area Chamber of Commerce                    |
|  | Verona Lions Club Scholarship                      |
|  | Verona Masonic Lodge Scholarship                   |
|  | Verona Optimist Scholarship                        |
|  | William Niederberger Memorial                      |

| <b>Alvin L. Groth Memorial Scholarship</b>   |                                       |
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| <b>Amount: \$200</b>   | <b># Awarded: 1</b>                   |
| <b>Criteria:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students who are pursuing an engineering degree (priority given to mechanical engineering).</li> </ul>   |                                       |
| <b>Angela Davies Scholarship</b>   |                                       |
| <b>Amount: \$1500</b>  | <b># Awarded: 1</b>                   |
| <b>Criteria:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students should be graduates of VAHS and accepted by a 4 year or 2 year institution.</li> <li>• Graduation equivalency is acceptable if the student is making a true and honest effort to improve their life through continuing their education in a FACS discipline.</li> <li>• Enthusiastic about FACS as a field of study and committed to complete a program in FACS</li> <li>• Demonstrate a potential to succeed</li> <li>• Shows aptitude and motivation in their VAHS FACS classes.</li> <li>• GPA is a consideration, but not the over-riding factor</li> </ul> |                                       |
| <b>Barb Price Memorial Scholarship</b>   |                                       |
| <b>Amount: \$500</b>   | <b># Awarded: 2 (1 male/1 female)</b> |
| <b>Criteria:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student should be graduates of VAHS and accepted by 4-year or 2-year institution</li> <li>• Enthusiastic and active learners</li> <li>• Solid Grade Point Average</li> <li>• Should have demonstrated leadership and a potential to succeed</li> <li>• Active in extra-curricular activities</li> <li>• Highly motivated and disciplined</li> <li>• Has contributed in making VAHS a better place!</li> </ul>  |                                       |
| <b>Core Knowledge Charter School Scholarship</b>   |                                       |
| <b>Amount: \$250</b>   | <b># Awarded: 2</b>                   |
| <b>Criteria:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must have attended Verona Area Core Knowledge Charter School for at least one year in Grade K-8</li> <li>• The scholarships will be awarded to two outstanding students.</li> <li>• One scholarship will be awarded on the basis of academic achievement.</li> <li>• One scholarship is on the basis of community service or service learning.</li> <li>• Each applicant must have a GPA of 3.25 unless modification from an IEP can be presented.</li> </ul>  |                                       |
| <b>Debbie's Daughter Memorial Scholarship</b>  |                                       |
| <b>Amount: \$500</b>   | <b># Awarded: 1</b>                   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student's academic achievement is appropriate to his/her circumstance</li> <li>• Minority Student</li> <li>• Financial Need Status</li> <li>• A Family member or yourself survived/battled cancer (preference to be breast cancer)</li> </ul>   |                                       |

| <b>Conzemius Scholars</b>  |                          |
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| <b>Amount: Varies</b>  | <b># Awarded: Varies</b> |
| <b>Criteria:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student should be accepted by a 4-year or 2-yr institution of higher learning.</li> <li>• 3.0 GPA</li> <li>• First generation college student (mother or father did not graduate from 4 year institution)</li> <li>• Minority and/or financial need</li> </ul> |                          |

| <b>Earl Blizzard Memorial Scholarship</b>  |                    |
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| <b>Amount: \$850</b>   | <b>#Awarded: 2</b> |
| <b>Criteria:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This scholarship should go to students who are pursuing a nursing career. Other medical fields are also acceptable.</li> </ul> |                    |

| <b>James E. Doyle Memorial Scholarship</b>   |                    |
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| <b>Amount: \$500</b>   | <b>#Awarded: 1</b> |
| <b>Criteria:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Awarded to student athlete with preference given to Verona Area High School hockey or baseball player.</li> <li>• Recipient will display sportsmanship, leadership skills on and off the field/ice, camaraderie among teammates and schoolmates.</li> <li>• GPA 3.0</li> <li>• Preference to students with financial need</li> </ul> |                    |

| <b>Jan Reed Memorial Scholarship</b>   |                    |
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| <b>Amount: \$1000</b>  | <b>#Awarded: 1</b> |
| <b>Criteria</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student must be a member of St. James Lutheran Church Verona</li> <li>• Must be attending a ELCA College</li> <li>• Community Service</li> <li>• Preference to students with financial need if there is more than one eligible student</li> </ul> |                    |

| <b>Jessica Tidd Memorial Scholarship</b>   |                     |
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| <b>Amount: \$500</b>   | <b># Awarded: 1</b> |
| <b>Criteria:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student must be attending a 4 year college</li> <li>• Major in education (emphasis in kindergarten or elementary education)</li> <li>• Student has played in high school sports (preference to soccer).</li> </ul> |                     |

| <b>Jim Given Music Scholarship</b>   |                    |
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| <b>Amount: \$500</b>   | <b>#Awarded: 1</b> |
| <b>Criteria:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A student who has achieved at least a 3.0 GPA</li> <li>• A student who is specifying a music education.</li> <li>• A promising music student's financial need will prevail as a criterion if a <b>student</b> who requires financial help applies. Otherwise, the most promising music student meeting the first two criteria would be awarded the scholarship.</li> </ul> |                    |

| <b>Joseph Henderson Memorial Scholarship</b>   |                    |
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| <b>Amount: \$300</b>   | <b>#Awarded: 1</b> |
| <b>Criteria:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students contributions to school/community</li> <li>• Students ability to persevere in overcoming adversity</li> </ul> |                    |

- Student's academic achievement is appropriate to his/her circumstances
- Student exhibiting financial need

**Katie Udelhofen-Clark Memorial Scholarship**

**Amount: \$500.00**

**#Awarded: 1**

**Criteria:**

- Student should be accepted by 4-year or 2-year institution of higher learning.
- Student pursuing a degree in one of the following: Psychology, Social Work, Music Education or Performance
- Student exhibiting financial need
- Student's ability to persevere in overcoming adversity
- Student's academic achievement is appropriate to his/her circumstances
- Student's contributions to school/community

**Keith Simmons Memorial Scholarship**

**Amount: \$500**

**#Awarded: 1**

**Criteria:**

- Student should demonstrate leadership and a potential to succeed.
- Student must exhibit academic promise.
- Student would be considered a contributing member of VAHS community by teachers and staff.
- Interest and active participation in extra-curricular activities, community activities, charitable organizations and/or other endeavors that demonstrate significant leadership potential.

**Meister Scholarship**

**Amount: \$1,000**

**#Awarded: 1**

**Criteria:**

- Student should be accepted by a 4-year accredited university.
- Student must exhibit academic promise
- Student has potential for success in a profession
- Student plans to have a career in a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) area
- Community Service
- If there is more than one eligible candidate it goes to greater financial need student.

| <b>Michael C. Spellman Scholarship</b>   |                    |
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| <b>Amount: \$880</b>   | <b>#Awarded: 1</b> |
| <b>Criteria:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2.75 GPA or above</li> <li>• Student who will be attending UW-Whitewater</li> <li>• Preference will be given to candidates with financial need</li> <li>• Citizenship and character</li> <li>• Understanding the value of higher education</li> <li>• Ambition to do his/her best to make the best of his/her opportunities</li> <li>• Potential for success in a profession</li> <li>• Interest and active participation in extra-curricular activities, community activities, charitable organizations and/or other endeavors that demonstrate significant leadership and potential</li> <li>• Personality and leadership</li> <li>• Outside work experience/employment</li> </ul>   |                    |
| <b>Opportunity 34</b>  |                    |
| <b>Amount: \$2500 per semester</b>   | <b>#Awarded: 3</b> |
| <b>Criteria:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student played at least one year of high school basketball at VAHS (boys or girls)</li> <li>• Student has been accepted by a 2-year or 4-year institution of higher learning</li> <li>• Student displays financial need</li> </ul>   |                    |
| <b>Ray W. Nelson Memorial Scholarship</b>  |                    |
| <b>Amount: \$150</b>   | <b>#Awarded: 1</b> |
| <b>Criteria:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Family wishes to support a student interested in boy's hockey.</li> </ul>  |                    |
| <b>St. James Lutheran Church Scholarship</b>   |                    |
| <b>Amount: \$500</b>   | <b>#Awarded: 1</b> |
| <b>Criteria:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Active member of St. James Lutheran Church</li> </ul>  |                    |
| <b>State Bank of Cross Plains Scholarship</b>  |                    |
| <b>Amount: \$500</b>   | <b>#Awarded: 1</b> |
| <b>Criteria:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The student consistently demonstrates good citizenship in school and related activities by following school rules and rules of common courtesy.</li> <li>• The student puts forth effort to meet appropriate academic challenges.</li> <li>• The student is dependable and honest.</li> <li>• The student demonstrates notable scholarship, leadership, or service in school or school-related activities.</li> <li>• The family prefers a student who is or has been involved in the sport of baseball. This involvement may be in an interscholastic program or a recreational community program. Involvement includes but is not limited to the actual playing of the game. Students must also demonstrate involvement in supporting roles, such as managing a team, preparing the fields or other equipment, coaching and/or practicing with younger teams, and/or providing assistance via office, administrative, or promotional activities</li> </ul> |                    |



**Tim Harrington Memorial Scholarship****Amount: \$200****#Awarded: 1****Criteria:**

- Students contributions to school/community
- Students ability to persevere in overcoming adversity
- Students academic achievement is appropriate to his/her circumstances
- Student exhibiting financial need

**UW Health Healthcare Career Scholarship****Amount: \$1000****#Awards: 1****Criteria:**

- Graduating from VAHS
- Accepted at a university or technical college
- Pursuing a career in the health field
- Reasons for pursuing this career
- Financial Need
- School and community activities and applicant's involvement
- Leadership roles and ability
- Potential to succeed
- Grade point average

**VASD Admin Team Scholarship****Amount: \$500****#Awarded: 1****Criteria:**

- Students should be graduates of VAHS and accepted by a 2 or 4 year post-secondary institution.
- Student who has expressed an interest in a career in education.
- Maintained high academic achievement
- Demonstrated leadership
- Preference given to applicants who have worked with children as a tutor, mentor, big brother/big sister, camp counselor, youth leader, etc.

| <b>VASD Multicultural Student Scholarship</b>  |                         |
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| <b>Amount: Varies</b>  | <b>#Awarded: Varies</b> |
| <b>Criteria:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No GPA requirement</li> <li>• Focus on progress over the student's high school experience</li> <li>• Must be used for college expense</li> <li>• Can be a first-generation college student, a student with financial need and/or a student who has overcome obstacles and is now succeeding</li> <li>• Students who specify an ethnicity other than white in the VAHS Power School data base</li> </ul>  |                         |
| <b>VASD Partners Actively Learning (PALs) Scholarship</b>  |                         |
| <b>Amount: \$1,000 (1) or \$500 (2)</b>  | <b>#Awarded: 1 or 2</b> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recipient must be a graduating senior at Verona Area High School</li> <li>• Recipient must have participated in the PALs program at Stoner Prairie Elementary</li> <li>• Recipient must show evidence of collaboration, problem solving, and/or leadership skills</li> <li>• Optional: Submit a portfolio piece that represents the PALs vision.</li> </ul>   |                         |
| <b>VAHS Alumni Scholarship</b>   |                         |
| <b>Amount: \$300</b>   | <b>#Awarded: 1</b>      |
| <b>Criteria:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High academic achiever</li> </ul>  |                         |
| <b>VAHS Wildcat Scholarship</b>  |                         |
| <b>Amount: \$500</b>   | <b>#Awarded: 5</b>      |
| <b>Criteria:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students contributions to school/community</li> <li>• Students ability to persevere in overcoming adversity</li> <li>• Student's academic achievement is appropriate to his/her circumstances</li> <li>• Student exhibiting financial need</li> </ul>  |                         |
| <b>Verona Area Chamber of Commerce</b>   |                         |
| <b>Amount: \$500</b>   | <b>#Awarded: 1</b>      |
| <b>Criteria:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student must be a member of the graduating class of Verona Area High School during the year the scholarship is being awarded.</li> <li>• Student must be enrolled and accepted at an accredited two-year or four-year college or trade school.</li> <li>• Student should be intending to study business or a related field OR should be studying with the intent of creating a business upon graduation (for example, someone studying culinary arts who intends to open a restaurant after graduation)</li> </ul> <p>The recipient will be chosen by the Verona Area High School scholarship committee using the following guidelines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The recipient should be of solid academic standing, though awarding the scholarship should not be based on highest grade point average.</li> <li>• The recipient must have exhibited a high level of character and outstanding personal behavior while a student at Verona Area High School.</li> </ul> <p>Students meeting all the above requirements and also demonstrating financial need will be given extra consideration when awarding this scholarship</p> |                         |
| <b>Verona Lions Club Scholarships</b>  |                         |
| <b>Amount: \$500</b>   | <b>#Awarded: 2</b>      |
| <b>Criteria:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deserving graduate planning on post-high school education in the medical, teaching or similar field that may not get recognition for a scholarship.</li> <li>• Graduate with vision problems or Type 1/Type 2 diabetes would be given priority.</li> </ul>   |                         |

| <b>Verona Masonic Lodge Scholarship</b>   |                         |
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| <b>Amount: \$600</b>  | <b>#Awarded 3</b>       |
| <b>Criteria:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The student must have demonstrated leadership in school, community, or church/synagogue. Student should not be receiving more than two other scholarships.</li> </ul> |                         |
| <b>Verona Optimist Scholarships</b>   |                         |
| <b>Amount: \$750</b>  | <b>#Awarded: 2</b>      |
| <b>Criteria:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Student must be accepted by a technical school (priority given on length of program).</li> <li>Priority given to volunteerism in school and/or community.</li> </ul>  |                         |
| <b>William Niederberger Scholarship</b>   |                         |
| <b>Amount: \$500</b>  | <b>#Awarded: Varies</b> |
| <b>Criteria:</b> Student who will be attending UW-Oshkosh   |                         |

### VAHS School Staff Evaluations

- You will need **two** evaluation forms as part of your application to be turned in by the evaluator.
- Evaluator forms are available at the end of this document. Copies are also available in the Student Services office.
- Please hand out forms to a teacher, VASD staff member, or coach of your choice.
- The evaluator will be responsible for turning these forms into Student Services by 3/01/18.

### Student Essay

- Please answer the following prompt in 500 words or less, single spaced, 12pt font. **Please type your essay on a separate piece of paper and attach it to this application.**
- Type your name at the top of your essay.
- Some scholarships have financial need criterion. Please ***briefly*** discuss your financial need/family economic hardship, if applicable, in a separate paragraph with 50 words or less.

Essay Prompt:

Please explain why you are a deserving applicant for these scholarships. Consider discussing your leadership experience, personal characteristics, obstacles/adversity you have overcome, challenges you have faced and involvement/contributions to your community, etc. Also, incorporate how you meet the criteria for the scholarship(s)