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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 15, 2020, and meet the following criteria:**

- (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 [clerical@historyillinois.org](mailto:clerical@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 April of 2020. 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 5255 Shepherd Road, Springfield, IL 62703. This scholarship is named for a lifelong student of Illinois history, Vera Ross Orndorff, a native of River Forest, Illinois.