

Virginia Graham Scholarship Information

This scholarship is administered by the PBL Education Foundation. Applications must be postmarked by **March 1, 2023** and mailed in a 9x12 envelope to this address:

**PBL Education Foundation
Virginia Graham Scholarship
PO Box 192
Paxton, IL 60957**

Background

Virginia (Beckley) Graham was born and raised on a farm in rural Rossville, Illinois, on February 1, 1928. She graduated from Illinois State Normal University in 1949. After teaching for five years, she devoted her life to raising a family. She went back to teaching in 1974. She taught fourth grade at Clara Peterson School for over 20 years. After her retirement, she continued to work with children as a volunteer and substitute teacher at Clara Peterson. She died in February 2003. In memory of Mrs. Graham and her love for children, her family provides a \$1,000 scholarship to a PBL graduating senior pursuing a degree in education or child development. The scholarship is administered by the PBL Education Foundation.

Eligibility and Selection Criteria

- Eligible applicants include graduating PBL high school senior students.
- Applicants must be ranked in the top 50% of their graduating class.
- Applicants must plan to enroll full time at an accredited two or four-year college, university, or trade/vocational school. (Proof of enrollment will be required for release of scholarship payment after the award is announced.)
- The recipient will be selected on the basis of these three weighted selection criteria:
 1. Academic achievement as evidenced by grade point average (seventh semester), class rank, and test scores. ($\frac{1}{4}$)
 2. Participation and leadership in community, school, and work experience activities. ($\frac{1}{4}$)
 3. Written narrative essay. ($\frac{1}{2}$)

Application Procedures and Timeline

Applicants must submit an application form consisting of four parts: Cover Sheet/ Student Information, Academic Information, Extracurricular Activities and Essay.

NOTE: Student's name should ONLY appear in the first section (Cover Page/Student Information). A student identification number will be assigned by the Foundation Scholarship Committee.

The PBL Education Foundation Scholarship Committee will evaluate finalist applications and will announce and present the scholarship award in May at the Senior Academic Awards Night.

Academic Information

Student ID Number: *(leave blank; to be assigned by Scholarship Committee)* _____

Percentile Ranking in Class: _____

Grade Point Average (7th semester) on 4.0 scale: _____

SAT Composite Score: _____

High School Counselor/Administrator's Signature and Certification of Academic Information: _____

Extracurricular Activities

Student ID Number: *(leave blank; to be assigned by Scholarship Committee)* _____

Attach information about your participation in extracurricular activities. Use the following headings: clubs and organizations, athletics, honors and awards, community service, and work experience. Please be specific about offices and leadership positions held and years of participation. Under work experience, include the place of employment, your position, your supervisor and the dates of your employment. PLEASE TYPE.

Essay

Student ID Number: *(leave blank; to be assigned by Scholarship Committee)* _____

All students applying for this scholarship must submit a typed essay on the following topic:

Name and discuss three reasons that you want to choose teaching as a career.

Attach the essay to your application.