

Due April 1st

**Roy S. Virtue &
Robert and Letitia (Gillespie) Steele Scholarship**

The Roy S. Virtue & Robert and Letitia (Gillespie) Steele Scholarship has been established to provide financial assistance to students going on to a trade school, a two or four year college. The River Ridge School Board is responsible for the selection of the scholarship recipients. The Board may decide to give one, two or no scholarships in a given year.

The Scholarship will be initiated with the 1999 Graduating Class. On March 15, 1999 the River Ridge Board of Education agreed to award two \$4,000 scholarships per year and will continue to do so until further notice.

Eligibility:

- Jo Daviess County resident with emphasis being for the students of River Ridge Schools as per the instructions provided in the will of Roy S. Virtue, which established this scholarship fund.
- Must be accepted at chosen school.
- Must be enrolled in a trade school, community college, or four year college/university.
- Must be a full time student at chosen school, 12 hours minimum per semester.

The amount to be awarded will not exceed \$4,000 per year of schooling expenses (tuition and on campus room and board) up to a maximum of 4 consecutive years. The total amount of each scholarship being a possible \$16,000. Monies will be disbursed, upon receipt of billing, directly to the college or trade school of the recipient's choice.

The annual unspent scholarship funds awarded may not be carried forward to the succeeding year (September to August) by either the educational institution and/or the scholarship recipient.

Should a recipient's plans change *before* enrollment (eg. deciding not to attend college or trade school, not being accepted by the college or trade school of choice, family situations beyond the control of the recipient, etc.) the awarded scholarship must be returned to the River Ridge School Board. An alternate may be selected by the Board.

Should a recipient's plans change *during* college, (eg. deciding not to attend a college or trade school, not maintaining the required GPA, being dismissed from the college/trade school for any reason, etc.) the prorated amount of the awarded scholarship must be returned to the River Ridge School Board within 60 days.

Transferal of schools or majors does not affect this scholarship.

Renewal of scholarship each year will be based on a 2.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale and continued enrollment as a full time student. It is the applicant's responsibility to show proof of GPA and continued course work to the River Ridge School Board on or before August 1 of the next school year.

This scholarship and its application process does not discriminate based on the applicant's age, race, color, creed, national origin and/or gender.

ADOPTED: March 15, 1999

ROY VIRTUE & ROBERT & LETITIA (Gillespie) STEELE SCHOLARSHIP:

PLEASE TYPE ALL INFORMATION

FULL NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

PHONE: _____

HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDED: _____

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: _____

BIRTH DATE: _____

Each student must submit the attached application form, . . . letters of recommendation, and an official transcript from their school.

Applications must be received by: *April 1st*

Applications should be given to the guidance counselor.

I agree to submit to the scholarship committee proof of enrollment when I have registered at college or a vocational school.

(Initial) _____

I will provide verification of completion of my first semester and my enrollment verification for second semester to the River Ridge Board of Education.

(Initial) _____

I will provide verification of continued education at college or vocational school by August 1st of the following year.

(Initial) _____

I have read and agree to the conditions of the scholarship and agree that the decision of the scholarship committee shall be final. All of the information submitted are true statements.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____

[SS# _____]

High School GPA: _____ ACT Score Comp. _____

Describe your participation in high school extra curricular activities and offices held during your four years. (You may use a separate sheet)

Discuss your educational and career goals: _____

Explain why you should receive this award. _____

Schools you have applied to: _____

Schools you have been accepted to: _____

School you will attend: _____

Please enclose **2** letters of recommendation from school officials. Instruct the officials not to use names in their recommendation.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY PUBLIC AFFAIRS SCHOLARSHIP

CHECKLIST

- _____ Application is completely filled out with information requested
 - _____ Transcript from your high school **OR** college
_____ included or
_____ being sent directly to the district office.
 - _____ "Letters of Recommendation" (3)
_____ included **OR**
_____ being sent directly to the district office
 - _____ "Letter of Acceptance" from chosen college is included or if you are attending college, please attach proof of current class status.
 - _____ A brief written statement of your involvement in school, civic affairs and community. List any awards, offices held or honors received. Indicate why you feel this involvement was beneficial to you. Also include your plans for your future as it relates to your continuing education.
 - _____ Please make sure your full name is on every piece of paper that is returned to this office. It is to your advantage to do this as your application may be delivered at different times .
 - **IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CALL THE DISTRICT OFFICE AT (815) 232-0774**
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