



St. Vrain Valley Schools EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Scholarship Name: Rhonda Herrman Community Involvement Scholarship

Award: Two (2) awards of \$1,000 each

Background: This scholarship was established in honor of Rhonda Herrman, former staff member of the St. Vrain Valley Credit Union. Rhonda was influential in establishing the SVVCU Community Involvement Committee as a way to give back to the community the credit union serves. Elevations Credit Union, which purchased St. Vrain Valley Credit Union in 2012, is happy to continue Rhonda's vision through this scholarship. This scholarship is funded through Elevations Foundation. To learn more about Elevations Foundation visit <https://www.elevationscu.com/foundation>.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Be a high school senior at a St. Vrain Valley Schools high school.
- Be planning to enroll as a full-time student at an accredited **trade/vocational institution, two-year or four-year college/university** located in the United States, beginning the fall of 2023.
- Have a 2.5 grade point average or higher.
- Have completed a minimum of 75 hours of qualified community service over the past 12 months (documentation is required).
- Be a member in good standing or a child/relative of a current member at Elevations Credit Union.

Application Process:

Step 1: Complete the online scholarship application on the St. Vrain Valley Schools Education Foundation website (www.stvrainfoundation.org). You will be required to submit the following information:

- **Application Information** to include name, address, phone number, email address, high school, GPA, high school transcript, graduation date and name of college, university or trade school the student will be attending.
- **Financial Need** including the EFC from the FAFSA, the FAFSA SAR report and one – two paragraphs explaining the students financial aid situation or financial need.
- **Volunteer and Community Service Record**
- **High School Honors and Awards**
- **High School Activities**
- **Leadership Positions**
- **Paid Work Experience** (if applicable)
- **Letters of Recommendation** to include one from a teacher, administrator or counselor and one from a community member who is not a family member.

Step 2: Complete the **Rhonda Herrman Community Involvement Scholarship** application via SVVSEF scholarship platform on Kaleidoscope.

- **Personal Essay** that is 500 words or less addressing one of the following topics. Provide specific examples from your community service involvement.
 - Topic #1: “People Helping People” is the philosophical foundation of credit unions. Explain the value of this foundation. Be sure to include information about:
 - The historical importance of the philosophy.
 - Examples of the philosophy and its importance on your community.
 - Your personal interpretation of the philosophy and how you have demonstrated “People Helping People” in your community involvement experience.
 - Topic #2: Elevations Credit Union defines community service as “activities that benefit the public good”. Explain your reason for being a volunteer. Be sure to include information about:
 - What do you see as the importance and relevance of community service?
 - How community service has enriched your life and your community.
 - How your community service experience(s) will help you achieve your future goals.
 - How you will continue your commitment to community service in the future.
- **Community Service** – Provide documentation of community service hours.