

**The Edwin and Virginia Godbold Scholarship**

**Selma Dallas County Public Library Foundation  
1103 Selma Avenue Selma, AL 36701  
School Year 2025-2026**

**Criteria for Scholarships**

- 1. Be a graduating high school senior-current year attending Selma City or Dallas County Schools.**
- 2. Achieve an ACT score of at least 18**
- 3. Be a resident of Selma/Dallas County**
- 4. Have an intention to pursue college/graduate studies**
- 5. Provide three recommendation letters. These can be your teachers, coaches, principals, church members or others who can speak to your leadership and community service.**

Your application must be completed and turned in to your school counselor by **March 27, 2026**. Finalists will be interviewed in April at the library and the winning application awarded in April, 2026. Winners are required to be present to receive their award.

**Part I Basic Information**

Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_

School Currently Attending \_\_\_\_\_

Are you in Dallas County or Selma City System? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you applied/or been accepted at any colleges? Please name three.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

Your Anticipated Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Student Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Parent email \_\_\_\_\_

### Directions for Application Process

1. Complete the Basic Information portion above. Be sure that all details are correct.
2. Distribute the three reference forms to selected people who can comment honestly on your life.
3. Answer the three questions on page 2 in essay form.
4. Type in Times New Roman font size 12 in essay form.
5. Type your name and school at the top of the essay page.

Completion Directions: Staple together Page 1 Information Form and your completed essay. Give these to your counselor.

**Remember: Deadline for submission is March 27,2026**

### Essay Questions

These are the three essay questions. Your responses are very important as they will tell the selection committee about how you plan to use the scholarship funds. Points are assigned as to the importance of each.

Begin your essay with your name and school at the top right hand corner. Then answer these questions. You need not include the letter A, B, and C. Make this a continuous essay about you. The essay should be a minimum of 500 words with a maximum of no more than 800 words.

**A. Write a short introduction about yourself. (25)**

In a couple of paragraphs , give us information about your family, education and school, any work experience, community involvement, hobbies and activities or any other life experiences that will help us know you better.

**B. In the next part of your essay tell us about your goals and life experiences in Selma (30)**

Share any opportunities that you have had to work to improve the quality of life in the Selma Dallas County community?

**C. Read this last question carefully as you consider your answer.**

It is the purpose of the Edwin and Virginia Scholarship to provide assistance to a student whose intent is to *give back to their community* and to *serve the needs of others*.

How will you use these funds to accomplish this goal? (30)

**Great Job! Now follow Completion Directions on Page 1. All applications due to your counselor by **March 27,2026!** Good luck!**

**Letter of Recommendation for Edwin and Virginia Godbold Scholarship and  
Will Goodwyn Scholarship for Selma High**

It is the purpose of the Edwin and Virginia Scholarship to *provide assistance to a student whose intent is to give back to their community and to serve the need of others.*

The Selection Committee would like to know more about your student.

What are their capabilities, strengths and values that will contribute to their success in their chosen field? Please be specific about your observations perhaps recounting experiences with the student and your reason for this recommendation.

You may compose your recommendation on a separate paper. Send it by email to: [becky@selmalibrary.org](mailto:becky@selmalibrary.org) before March 27,2026. Please be sure you have included the information below at the top of your letter.

We thank you for your time and support of your student.

**Your name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your contact info** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student you are recommending** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student's School** \_\_\_\_\_

**What is your relationship to the student?**

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