



## Virginia Lee Geiger Memorial Scholarship

Only VBHS Color Guard members are eligible to apply

This memorial scholarship has been established to honor the memory of Mrs. Geiger, known to band members as Great Mom or Grandma Geiger. She is the mother of Mrs. Priscilla Geiger Sammons, Retired VBHS Color Guard Director. Great Mom was a part of the Fighting Indians Band Family for over 16 years until her sudden passing in January 2013. She delighted in attending performances, band camp, and loved to travel with the band. One of her greatest joys was to be in the company of the young men and women of the VBHS Band. She always complimented them on their outstanding character and conduct as well as the outstanding performances she experienced. She “never met a stranger” and enjoyed her many relationships with the band parents she met over the years. Her witty personality and laughter will be missed by all.

### Funding and Administration of the Scholarship

The scholarship is funded through the support of the Fighting Indians Band Boosters, Inc. and the generosity of Mr. Robert Geiger and the Virginia Lee Geiger family. The scholarship fund is administered by the FIBB, Inc. as a scholarship granting 501C Tax Exempt Organization. Funds available are held in escrow-trust within the reserve accounts of the FIBB, Inc. and may only be used for the specific scholarship and grant purposes as intended.

In the event this scholarship should be terminated for any reason by the FIBB, Inc. or the Geiger Family, any funds remaining in the escrow-trust account will be donated and transferred into the Fighting Indians Band Boosters General Scholarship account.

### Criteria and Qualifications

- Applicant must be a returning member of the VBHS Band Color Guard with the understanding that participation in Color Guard for the coming year is a requirement.
- Financial need is a prime consideration. The main intent in awarding this scholarship is to assist a deserving student who, without this grant, may not be able to pay their band fee.
- Applicant must show promise as a performer and be viewed as a positive upward contributor to the Color Guard and band program.
- Applicant must have an overall grade point average of at least a 2.0 or higher.
- Applicant must have an exemplary record of school attendance and conduct as a student at VBHS or as a student at their most recent school and have a practically discipline free school record.

### Scholarship Amount

The amount of the grant is not to exceed actual student band fee. The grant will be applied directly to the student’s account upon notification of the name of the recipient from the scholarship selection committee to the FIBB. Funds will not be paid directly to the student under any circumstances. One scholarship per year is authorized. Any increase in the number of scholarships awarded shall require the advance approval of the FIBB Board of Directors and contingent upon funds available.

### Section Committee

The selection committee shall consist of three members who will determine the student who shall receive the scholarship award. The members of this committee will be appointed by the VBHS Director of Bands and shall be in as far as possible, impartial members of the community with no known conflict of interest as follows:

- A knowledgeable music educator.
- An additional educator with or without a music background.
- A member of the community with a business or professional background or an alumnus of the Vero Beach High School Band at least three years removed from the program or a member of the Geiger family if available.

The selection committee shall be empowered to make the final selection of the scholarship recipient. At the discretion of the selection committee, the scholarship may not be awarded in a given year if no applicants meet the requirements. Also, at their discretion, the selection committee may reduce the number of scholarships awarded due to lack of qualified applicants.

### General Application Requirements

1. Completed application (signed and notarized)
2. A copy of the Final Report Card or Official Grade Printout for the current academic year.
3. A personal resume of all school and community activities within the past two years.
4. A detailed letter signed by both the student and parent or guardian stating specifically the reasons and circumstances why you are applying for this scholarship.

### Other Provisions

1. This scholarship-grant will be awarded to one member of the VBHS Band Color Guard each academic year.
2. All applications are confidential and will be held by the selection committee indefinitely.
3. Incomplete applications and those received after the deadline will not be considered.
4. The scholarship will be presented at the annual band awards night.
5. The scholarship will be revoked if it is determined that the student has misrepresented him/herself in any way to the selection committee.
6. Any student receiving the scholarship must fully participate in the VBHS Band program for the full year following the award. Failure to do so will result in the student being obligated to repay the grant.
7. Decisions of the scholarship committee are final.
8. The completed application should be submitted to the Band Directors at the VBHS Band Office no later than the deadline stated on the Band Calendar.