

Jenice Riley Memorial Scholarship



\$2,000 awards for Alabama's K-8 history teachers!

What is the Jenice Riley Memorial Scholarship?

The Alabama Humanities Alliance annually awards **teacher scholarships** to support K-8 Alabama educators who excel at helping students engage with history and civics. Scholarships are awarded through a competitive application process.

Teachers can use their **\$2,000** award for **history-** and **civics-** related classroom projects or for professional development.

Who can become a Riley Scholar?

- Current K-8 Alabama educators
- Public, private, and homeschool teachers all eligible

2027 proposal theme: Innovation in History

All Riley Scholarship proposals should address how funds would be used to enhance teaching and learning about innovation. Not to be confused with invention, innovation is about new ways of seeing, imagining, improving, and organizing society and is key to our nation's civic life and health.

This year's proposal theme is inspired by the the 2027 Alabama History Day theme, "Innovation in History."

Learn more:

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The Riley Scholarships honor the late Jenice Riley — an extraordinary teacher and the daughter of former Gov. Bob Riley and former First Lady Patsy Riley.

Since 2003, the
Alabama Humanities
Alliance has awarded:



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Riley Scholars



\$114,000+
in teacher scholarships

**Apply by
Dec. 31, 2026**

