

## **Friends of the Library Scholarship Program**

### **2017 Scholarship Announcement**

This program is established by the Little Elm Friends of the Library (FOL), an independent non-profit organization dedicated to the support of the Little Elm Public Library and the community of Little Elm and its citizens. The FOL's purpose in offering this scholarship is to identify and honor outstanding high school Juniors and Seniors. All aspects and administration of the scholarship is provided by the FOL.

### **How does a student qualify for the FOL Scholarship?**

Any Junior or Senior student may qualify and enter competition for the FOL scholarship by achieving the following requirements:

- A candidate must be a student in a public school, charter school, trade school or home school in the Little Elm area during the 2016-2017 school year.
- A student must complete a minimum of 20 hours of documented community service of which at least 15 are service for the Little Elm Public Library, including assisting at special FOL events, i.e., the annual Trivia Night fundraiser scheduled for Tuesday, February 28, 2017. The remaining hours can be served in the Little Elm Library or with another Little Elm non-profit organization. All volunteer hours must be completed between September 1st, 2016 and April 15, 2017.
- A student must be in good standing with the school and continue to establish

### **How is the FOL scholarship award determined?**

The determination of the recipient of the FOL scholarship shall be selected from a group of qualifying Juniors and Seniors that have met or exceeded the requirements of the program as recommended by the Little Elm Public Library staff. The Scholarship winners will be chosen on a competitive basis and without regard to family financial circumstances, gender, race, ethnic origin, or religious preference. A committee of the FOL will choose the winners by evaluation of factors of each candidate including significant activities and contributions to the school and community, academic record, and library staff's recommendations about the candidate. The Winners will be notified prior to any public announcement by the FOL in May of 2016.

### **What is the amount of the FOL scholarship award?**

The top outstanding student will receive an award of \$1000 and 2 additional outstanding students will each receive an award of \$500 toward tuition, books or other college financial requirements. All portions of the competition, including the selection of a winner and payment of scholarship award are handled by the Little Elm Friends of the Library. Funds will be in the form of a check payable to the accredited college of the student's choice.

### **Questions may be addressed to:**

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Little Elm FOL web site: <http://www.littleelmfol.org>



**Applicant Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Part II (About you and your thoughts)**

A. If you have been employed (childcare, restaurants, merchant stores, etc.) during high school, briefly describe your experience.

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B. As of March, 2017 have you been awarded any scholarships? If so, please list source and award amount.

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C. On a separate piece of paper, answer two of the questions below:

1. Briefly, what would this scholarship mean to you (unusual family situations, other tuitions, medical expenses, etc.)?

2. What are your personal career goals?

3. Describe any obstacles/challenges you have addressed during your high school career.

4. What student, teacher, or academic experience has had the most impact on you and why?

**Applicant Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Part III (Participation and Leadership)**

A. School Activities/Organizations/Awards    Year    Honors/Awards

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_

B. Community Activities/Organizations/Awards    Year    Office(s) Held or Honors

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_

C. Describe any honors not previously listed    Year    Office(s) Held or Honors

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_



**Applicant Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Part V (References)**

**Please submit two references from your school and one personal reference. The Scholarship Board has provided you with a blank Reference Form (please make two additional copies) to hand carry to your references. Once completed please collect them and return the completed Reference Form back to the Scholarship Board of the Little Elm Friends of the Library by submission date of April 15, 2017.**

Counselors, teachers, or high school campus administrators:

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone No:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone No:** \_\_\_\_\_

Personal Reference:

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone No:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Friends of the Library: Junior or Senior Scholarship Reference Form**  
**Submission Deadline: April 15, 2017**

Candidate Name: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Reference Name: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Instructions: Please rank the candidate with 1 as the lowest rating, 5 as the highest.  
Please make a personal comment.

**PERSONAL**

I feel I know the candidate well enough to compare him/her with his/her peers.    1            2            3            4            5

The candidate is committed to personal enrichment through learning.    1            2            3            4            5

Please provide explanation/comments:

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**EDUCATIONAL/CAREER**

The candidate chooses appropriate challenges.            1            2            3            4            5

The candidate makes maximum use of resources and effort to meet challenges. 1            2            3            4            5

The candidate has the student and organizational skills required to succeed  
at a college/university environment.            1            2            3            4            5

Please provide explanation/comments:

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**LEADERSHIP**

The candidate takes on responsibility and inspires others to work in positive  
directions.            1            2            3            4            5

The candidate is realistic about making and carrying through long-term  
commitments.            1            2            3            4            5

The candidate has a positive and mature attitude.            1            2            3            4            5

The candidate is cooperative and provides a good role model.    1            2            3            4            5

Please provide explanation/comments:

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Please return this form to: Friends of the Library  
Attention: Scholarship Board  
100 W. Eldorado Parkway  
Little Elm, TX 75068

# **CONFIDENTIAL REFERENCE**

## **Instruction to Candidates:**

Complete the top line of the reference forms (Candidate's Name and School) before distributing the reference forms. Please contact your references as soon as possible to provide ample time for them to meet submission deadline. All references are confidential and should be mailed or delivered directly to Friends of the Library Scholarship Committee before April 15, 2017.