

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.

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

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 IV

To be completed by school counselor (upon review of the completed application).

Name of Applicant: _____

Rank in Class: _____

Grade Point Average: _____

SAT Score: _____

ACT Score: _____

Counselor Comments:

Counselor Signature

Date

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:

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:

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:

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.