



Friends of the Bedford Public Library
Scholarship Application

Note: This scholarship is intended for a graduating senior who is a current Bedford Public Library volunteer in good standing. This application must be returned to the Teen Programming Specialist with all of the necessary documentation no later than March 31, 2023. Applications will only be accepted from graduating seniors.

Name of Applicant: _____
Last First Middle

Address: _____
Street City Zip

Home/Cell: _____ Email Address: _____

Name of Mother/Father/Guardian: _____

Signature of parent/guardian: _____

Approximate date you started as a Bedford Public Library volunteer _____

Applicant's Signature: _____

Please answer the questions on the back.

To be completed by the Teen Programming Specialist

Total Volunteer Hours _____ Good Standing Yes No

Signature of Teen Programming Specialist

Please answer the following. (You may attach additional pages if needed.)

Describe extracurricular activities, job experience, or other community activities (other than the Bedford Public Library) you have been involved in from 9th grade through your senior year.

List any awards or honors you have received from 9th grade through your senior year.

Check all that you have applied for:

- Post graduate technical school
- 2 year college
- 4 year college

Write a 750-1000 word typewritten essay on:

How has your volunteer experience helped better prepare you for life after high school?

Essays must be typed, printed, and attached to the completed application.

Identifying information will be deleted from the application and essay before review by an ad hoc committee of the Friends of the Bedford Public Library. This committee will make award recommendations at the Friends April meeting.



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Scholarship awards will vary depending on two factors: the number of qualified applicants and the amount of funds available. Guidelines for qualifying, terms of the awards, and other information regarding application and award are discussed below.

Applicant Requirements

1. Write a 750-1000 word typewritten essay on ***How has your volunteer experience helped better prepare you for life after high school?***
2. You must be a teen volunteer in good standing with a minimum of 12 hours of service in the last calendar year (January-December).
3. Provide proof of a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or greater on a 4.0 scale. A copy of your unofficial transcript should be included. Home school volunteers should have a parent or guardian prepare a transcript.

Deadlines

1. Application/information forms will be available on the Friends of the Bedford link in the Bedford Public Library website and at the Bedford Library.
2. Completed applications must be returned to the Teen Programming Specialist by March 31st of the volunteer's senior year.
3. A representative from the Friends of the Bedford Public Library will announce recipients in late April/early May timeframe.

Awards Procedures

1. High school counseling offices will be informed of the recipient's award in early May in order for the recipient to be recognized at any school assembly called for that purpose.
2. Checks will be written from the Friends of the Bedford Public Library account directly to the school/college where the student will be attending. **It is the responsibility of the recipient to provide all necessary information to the Friends of the Bedford Public Library.**
3. The Friends of the Bedford Public Library decides scholarship amounts and the division of available funds for recipients. Award proposals are approved by the entire committee of the Friends of the Bedford Public Library.
4. A scholarship recipient has 1 year in which to claim the award. A delay of 3 years will be extended for planned or unexpected events such as: military service, family or personal emergencies or other commitments which may delay college/school entrance. It is the responsibility of the recipient to provide documentation explaining the delay. If unclaimed after the above mentioned time period, funds designated for the recipient will be returned to the scholarship fund account for the Friends of the Bedford Public Library.