



Friends of the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library Community Scholarship

The Friends of the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library Community Scholarship program assists deserving students in realizing their educational dreams. The Friends anticipate awarding **two scholarships of \$1,000 each** to students who will attend an accredited two- or four-year college or university.

Guidelines

There are five required parts to this application. The first four are to be completed by the applicant. Application packets that are incomplete will not be reviewed. The fifth part of the application (see #5 below) must be completed by an individual who agrees to serve as a reference for the applicant. The application must include ALL of the following to be eligible:

1. Applicant's personal information, including: name, address, telephone number, and email.
2. Applicant's academic information, including: name of high school (indicate if home-schooled);
3. A resume that includes information about activities, honors and awards, participation in school, extracurricular, civic and/or leadership activities, and work experience.
4. The original essay of at least 200 words must be typed double-spaced, and the applicant's name should appear on each numbered page. The essay must address the topic on the application.
5. Applicants must submit **one** letter of recommendation. The letter must be from someone other than a family member who has known the applicant for a sufficient time to be able to comment on his/her character and abilities. Do not submit more than one letter.



Application Package

The application form and all attachments must be received at the Clifton Park Halfmoon Library no later than **March 13, 2021**. Applications MAY NOT be faxed or emailed. Application packages that are incomplete or received after the deadline will not be reviewed.

Applications should be mailed or taken in person to:

Friends of the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library
Community Scholarship
475 Moe Road
Clifton Park, New York 12065

Eligibility

To be eligible, applicants must be:

1. Graduating seniors attending Shenendehowa High School

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2. Graduating seniors living within the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library tax district who are either a) attending another public/private high school or b) home-schooled

-AND

3. Entering their first year at an accredited two-year or four-year college or university in the fall of the scholarship year.

Scholarship Fund Disbursement

1. Scholarships must be used beginning in the fall semester of the scholarship year.

2. Award recipients will be contacted directly by the Awards Committee.

3. The check will be mailed to the student upon receipt by the FOL of documentation of your payment of eligible expenses totaling \$1000.00 or more for tuition, room and board, and/or books.

4. Awards are for one year and are non-renewable.

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2021 Application

Part I – Student Information

Last Name First Name M.I.

Street (Permanent Address)

City State Zip

Number E-mail Address _____ Phone _____

Part II – Academics

Name of High School You Attend _____

If you are not a Shenendehowa student, do you live within the library tax district? Yes No

Expected Date of Graduation _____ / _____ / _____

Name and address of accredited college/university you **anticipate** attending in the fall.

Part III – Resume

Please provide a resume that includes the following: awards/honors, extra-curricular activities, community/volunteer work, and employment. Please do NOT include a transcript.

Part IV – Essay

On a separate page(s), please provide a typed essay of **no less than 200 words** on the following:

You have been fortunate to grow up in a community that has a strong library. As you go forward in life, you may live in a city or town that does not have such a resource. It is our hope that you will become an active community member and will be able to be involved with your local library wherever

you live. Write your essay from the following prompt:

As a result of the exponential increase in Covid 19 infections, in March of 2020, Governor Cuomo mandated a stay-at-home order. Only essential business were allowed to remain open, schools went to online learning, and the Library closed its doors. As you reflect on this time, how did the closing of the Library affect you, academically, socially and just as a place to go and grab a book to escape? How did you utilize the extensive virtual programs provided by the Library during this period? Going forward, how did the shutdown change your views on using the Library and the value of the Library to you and the community in the future?

Be very specific and use personal examples. Note: Essays will be judged on content AND on grammar and punctuation. Proofread your essay carefully, and correct all errors before submission. DO NOT rely on auto-correcting features on your devices. Thank you.

Part V – Recommendation

Please provide one letter of recommendation from someone other than a family member, who has known you for a significant period of time and who can comment on your character and abilities.

Applicant Signature

Signature Date

Application Packet

Applicants must complete and submit all parts (I through V) of the application in one packet. Application packets must be received at the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Library no later than Friday, **March 13, 2021**. Applications MAY NOT be faxed or emailed. Application packets that are incomplete or received after the deadline will not be reviewed.

Winners will be notified by May 1, 2021.

Awards are for one year and are non-renewable.

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Questions: Please contact Michele Gorab, Scholarship Chair, at michelegorab@gmail.com