



FRIENDS of the Heights Libraries Library Education Scholarship

The FRIENDS of the Heights Libraries is now accepting applications from residents of Cleveland Heights and University Heights, as well as non-resident employees of the Heights Library system, for the Library Education Scholarship.

PURPOSE: To encourage careers in librarianship by providing financial assistance to pursue a graduate degree in library science.

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION: The Library Education Scholarship provides grants which do not require repayment. The awards will be of an equal, set amount of \$750. Scholarships may be used to help meet educational costs including tuition, books, seminar registration fees, and any related expenses. The recipient of the award is not necessarily required to continue in library work upon graduation, but it is presumed that they will do so.

ELIGIBILITY: Any person living in either Cleveland Heights or University Heights for at least one year prior to application, or any employee of the Heights Library system for at least one year prior to application, who wishes to further their education in the field of library science from an ALA-accredited library school may apply. No person shall, on the basis of race, color, sex, sexual orientation or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination through, this scholarship program.

PROCEDURE: Applicants must submit the Scholarship application (available online at <http://friendsofheightslibrary.onefireplace.com/scholarship>), a complete college transcript, a personal statement about your vocational objectives, and three letters of reference, including one from your present employer. Completed applications should be downloaded, signed and dated, and sent to the FRIENDS of the Heights Libraries, Scholarship Committee, 2345 Lee Rd., Cleveland Hts., OH 44118.

Scholarship applications are accepted three times a year; applications for the Fall Semester must be received between June 1 and July 1. Scholarship applications for the Spring Semester must be received between November 1 and December 1. Scholarship applications for the Summer Semester must be received between March 1 and April 1. All application materials, including the three letters of reference, must be received by the library by the respective semester deadline. A committee (made up of representatives of the Scholarship Committee of the FRIENDS, Nancy Levin, the Director of the Heights Libraries, and a faculty member of the Kent State University School of Library and Information Science) will make recommendations to the Board of the FRIENDS, which will make the final award. Interviews with applicants may be scheduled.

Recipients of the Scholarship grant will be notified by the 15th of the deadline month. A check will be sent to the recipient upon notification to the FRIENDS of the recipient's enrollment in an ALA-accredited library school.

CONTACT: Heather Howiler, Training and Staff Development Coordinator
hhowiler@heightslibrary.org or 216-932-3600, x1287