



2017 Scholarship

The Friends of the Safety Harbor Library are pleased to announce a \$1,500 educational scholarship opportunity for a student positively influenced by libraries.

High school seniors residing in the City of Safety Harbor and seniors who have volunteered at the Safety Harbor Public Library, graduating from a Pinellas County public, private high school or homeschool in June 2017, and continuing their education year as a full-time college student in fall 2017, are eligible.

The Friends' intent for this award is to assist in funding of student textbooks and other required course materials. Applicants must be accepted to full-time undergraduate study, working toward a bachelor or associate degree at a college or university.

Application deadline: Friday, March 31, 2017, 5:00 pm. Winners will be notified by April 17, 2017.

Application Process: Applications are available at the Safety Harbor Public Library circulation desk and online: www.FriendsSafetyHarbor.org. (See Scholarship Page.) Completed applications should be returned in person to the same location or mailed and received before the deadline.

Award Amounts: One (1) \$1,500 scholarship will be awarded. Failure to register in a college or university will result in forfeiture of scholarship.

Scholarship Requirements: To qualify for the scholarship, the applicant must-

- Be a US citizen and resident of the City of Safety Harbor **OR** a former or current volunteer at the Safety Harbor Public Library
- A high school senior with a 3.0 or higher GPA
- A completed application must be submitted along with the required essay and documents no later than deadline date or postmarked by the deadline date.
- Accepted as a full-time student to an accredited two or four-year college or university
- Confirmation of acceptance into a college or university is required no later than December 1, 2016. The recipient must provide a certificate of enrollment from the college he/she is attending.

Selection Considerations:

Each applicant will be considered for the scholarship on the basis of the following-

- 350-word essay (*Note: Essay has highest percentage of decision weight.*)
- Participation in community and school activities
- Academic achievement
- Awards and recognition

Scholarship Essay:

The applicant will submit a 350-word, original, written essay describing how libraries have helped to achieve academic goals and influenced or had an impact on his or her personal life.

Required Attachments to Application:

Attach all requested documentation and references. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

- 350-Word Essay
- High School Transcript

Scholarship Details:

- Relatives of members of the Friends Board of Directors are not eligible
- Selection of the scholarship will be at the sole discretion of the Friends of the Library Scholarship Committee
- The award is not transferrable and will be rescinded if there is evidence of deceit, or false and/or deliberately incorrect information submitted on the application. If the Friends rescinds the scholarship award, the scholarship recipient must return all scholarship funds provided by the Friends.
- If the recipient of the Friends Scholarship is unable for any reason to utilize the entire award, the remaining balance must be returned to the Friends.

Awards Ceremony

The Friends of the Safety Harbor Public Library Educational Scholarship will be awarded either at the winner's school award ceremony or at the Friends of the Library meeting in May 2017.