



Friends of the Westfield Memorial Library Scholarship Application

The Friends of the Westfield Memorial Library offer scholarships to those pursuing education related to Library Sciences. This includes information sciences. The scholarships are available to those residing or working in Westfield. Recipients will receive scholarships in an amount that is dependent upon the number of applicants and/or scholarships granted. The funds will be used to help pay tuition costs for credit-bearing undergraduate or graduate courses tied to current or future library work. Scholarship monies will be sent directly to the educational institution where the recipient will take the course(s). Any questions should be directed to Mary Ellen O'Boyle at **meob19@gmail.com**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone #: _____

Educational Background: _____

Names and email addresses of two people who can provide a reference:

Please attach a brief essay (500 words max) that shows (1) Why you have an interest in pursuing a career in Library Science and (2) What courses you plan to take and at what educational institution.

Please mail/ drop off the materials at the Circulation Desk in an envelope addressed to:

Friends Scholarship Committee
c/o The Westfield Memorial Library
550 E. Broad St.
Westfield NJ 07090

FAQ's

***Are the scholarships open to those teaching in Westfield Public Schools?**

Yes. Individuals working in Westfield are eligible. If a teacher wanted to take library-related certification classes or courses, he/she could apply for scholarship monies to cover or help cover tuition costs.

***What about Westfield residents/employees, even graduating high school seniors who plan to major in library science or information sciences enroute to a library related career?**

We welcome any of the above to submit applications for studies that will prove beneficial to future library positions.

***Can the scholarship money be given to the recipient for use for books, etc. instead of for tuition?**

No. The Friends of the Westfield Memorial Library will send a check for the scholarship amount directly to the college or university where the applicant is enrolled.

***What about online courses?**

As long as the scholarship recipients enroll in library-related courses in accredited programs, there is no problem with seeking funds for online classes.

***Can an applicant seek a scholarship to pay for a continuing education class?**

No, the classes must be taken for undergraduate or graduate credit.

***Must applicants have a demonstrated need of financial assistance to secure a scholarship?**

No.

***What is the deadline for sending in an application?**

As there is no set deadline, applications will be received throughout the year. It is expected that applicants will send in the forms in time to be considered for the beginning of their anticipated studies.