



The Ashby Free Public Library

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Ashby Free Public Library Scholarship Application

Irene Salminen Ashby Alumni Scholarship Horan STEM Scholarship

Todd C. Wright Memorial, Ruth Brooks, Frieda Lyman, Ashby Alumni, and Marston Scholarship Funds

A COMMITMENT TO EDUCATION has been shown by several generous gifts over the years to the Ashby Free Public Library for the specific purpose of providing scholarships for post-secondary education. These scholarships are available to any resident of Ashby who has been accepted by an accredited educational institution.

Scholarships must be applied for annually.

Applications must be received by June 15th. Checks will be mailed in January.

The amount for each scholarship is determined each year by the Library Trustees. It is dependent upon the trust fund income and the number of applications. Funds are distributed once a year **upon proof of eligibility**, which **must be** submitted by December 15th.



Applicant Name _____

New Applicant Renewal Veteran First Responder

Tel./Cell Number _____ Email _____

Permanent Address of Applicant _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature (if required) _____

Secondary School Name _____ Year Graduated _____

Higher Institution _____ Course of Study _____

NAMES, ADDRESSES, AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF TWO REFERENCES (PERSONAL AND EDUCATIONAL).

1. _____

2. _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Mail completed proof of attendance to:
Library Scholarship Committee
812 Main Street
Ashby, MA 01431

Applicants must fill out a new application each year and supply new proofs each year. Applicants are eligible for scholarships for a maximum of five (5) times.

KEEP A COPY OF THIS FORM FOR YOUR RECORDS Year of Expected Receipt _____

Details of the Scholarship process – Timing, Decisions and Disbursement

The scholarships are available to all Ashby residents attending post-secondary institutions of learning. Applications are available at the library or on the web @ www.ashbylibrary.org

Scholarship Timeline

April – New round of applications is opened. Applications will be available on the library’s website and at the library. **Application deadline – June 15th.**

June – Notification that application has been received by the scholarship committee.

Submit your Proof of Eligibility as soon as available. **Deadline – December 15th.**

Early November – Committee determines the scholarship amount for each student as follows:

- Most Ashby students will receive a base scholarship of up to \$500.00
- The **Horan STEM Scholarship** of \$1,200 will be split equally among all qualifying students and added to the base. Qualification: course of study in Science, Technology, Engineering, or Math
- The **Irene Salminen Ashby Alumni Scholarship Fund (ISAA)** will disburse at least \$2,000 each year, to be split equally among 4 qualifying students and added to the base. These are expected to be approximately \$500 each. Qualifications:
 - Applicants seeking degrees, certificates, or programs in areas of Education, Law Enforcement, Law, Emergency Medical, Fire Science, or other First Responder Programs
OR
 - Applicants who are Honorably Discharged Veterans and reside in Ashby and are enrolled in *any* accredited program
OR
 - if fewer than 4 qualifying ISAA applicants – remaining amount to be equally split among all qualifying STEM.

Late November

The AFPL Board of Trustees will approve the amounts of the scholarships at their November meeting.

Applicants without proofs will be contacted to remind them to submit Proof of Eligibility before **December 15th.** **IMPORTANT!** No Proof = No Scholarship

Early December – 2nd contact for applicants who have not yet submitted proofs of eligibility with a reminder to submit before **December 15th.**

January – Checks to be mailed to applicants who successfully submitted proof of eligibility.

Proof of eligibility can take many forms: (We will verify all information.)

- Letter from the school stating the student is enrolled and attending.
- Transcript of the Fall term’s grades
- Copy of paid fall term tuition bill
- Copy of accepted class registration for fall term
- Letter from course lecturer that the student is enrolled and attending.
- For Veterans, proof of honorable discharge – only required once

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Applicant Copy