



Ann M. Martin Learning for Life School Librarians' Scholarship

Introduction

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Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must:

- Be a senior planning to pursue further study or training beyond high school.
- Be a U.S. citizen and a resident of Henrico County; documentation may be required.
- Be pursuing a standard or advanced studies diploma.
- Demonstrate a minimum GPA of 2.5.
- Be enrolled in Henrico County Public Schools for at least three years.
- Submit evidence of a commitment to the promotion of libraries and literacy.

"When faced with a large essay or assignment, the librarians came to our classes and helped us prepare and create research questions of the right scope, making sure we were confident in starting, and reminding us of important deadlines."

- Madeline D.

Application Guidelines

- Complete your application with care and attention to detail. Incomplete or improperly completed applications will not be considered.
- Submit an essay describing your HCPS library experience, including evidence of your commitment to the promotion of libraries and literacy. The essay should be a maximum of 500 words, typed, and double-spaced.
- Include a school transcript.
- Include a letter of recommendation from an HCPS school librarian. Additional letters of recommendation are welcome but not required.
- The scholarship screening committee may request an interview with final candidates.
- Applications should be submitted to the school's counseling department by the date designated by the school. It is the responsibility of the student to obtain the due date.
- The scholarship winner will be recognized at our School Library Month meeting in the spring. The scholarship will be awarded at the applicant's senior awards assembly.

Note: Quotations from the winner's application may be used in Foundation publicity.

In *Why School Libraries Matter: What Years of Research Tell Us*, Keith Curry Lance and Debra E. Kachel state "Since 1992, a growing body of research known as the school library impact studies has consistently shown positive correlations between high-quality library programs and student achievement (Gretes, 2013; Scholastic, 2016). Data from more than 34 statewide studies suggest that students tend to earn better standardized test scores in schools that have strong library programs. Further, when administrators, teachers, and librarians themselves rated the importance and frequency of various library practices associated with student learning, their ratings correlated with student test scores, further substantiating claims of libraries' benefits. In addition, newer studies, conducted over the last several years, show that strong school libraries are also linked to other important indicators of student success, including graduation rates and mastery of academic standards."

Citation: Lance, K.C. & Kachel, D.E. (2018). Why school librarians matter: What years of research tell us. *Phi Delta Kappan*, 99 (7), 15-20.

For complete application and further information, contact:

**Your School Librarian, School Counselor,
or**

**Henrico Education Foundation
<http://henricofoundation.org/>**



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SECTION I

(TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT – PLEASE PRINT)

NAME OF APPLICANT _____

Last

First

Middle

SCHOOL _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

Number and Street

City

State

Zip

CONTACT PHONE NUMBER: _____

Date Signed

Applicant's Signature

SECTION II

(TO BE COMPLETED AND SIGNED BY PARENT OR GUARDIAN – PLEASE PRINT)

(if applicant is under 18)

PARENT'S/GUARDIAN'S NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PARENT'S/GUARDIAN'S NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

Date Signed

Parent's/Guardian's Signature

SECTION III

(TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT - PLEASE PRINT)

APPLICANT'S EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION OF CHOICE (Check One):

- Community College
- Four-Year College/University
- Other

NAME OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION APPLICANT PLANS TO ATTEND: (If decision has not yet been made, list colleges and/or educational institutions to which you have applied.)

PLEASE LIST EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

EXPLAIN YOUR LEVEL OF INVOLVEMENT IN LIBRARY BASED ACTIVITIES, PROJECTS, ETC.:

WHAT ARE YOUR EDUCATIONAL AND/OR VOCATIONAL GOALS FOR THE FUTURE?

SECTION IV

(TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT)

Library programs staffed by certified librarians are vital in empowering students with the knowledge, skills, attributes, and experiences to be Life Ready. In a typed, double-spaced essay of no more than 500 words, describe how your HCPS library experience has shaped your education, incorporating evidence of a commitment to the promotion of libraries and literacy. You may also submit any other information including artifacts or links to projects not previously given that will explain why you should be the recipient of this honor. **Include your full name and high school at the top of the page of your essay.**