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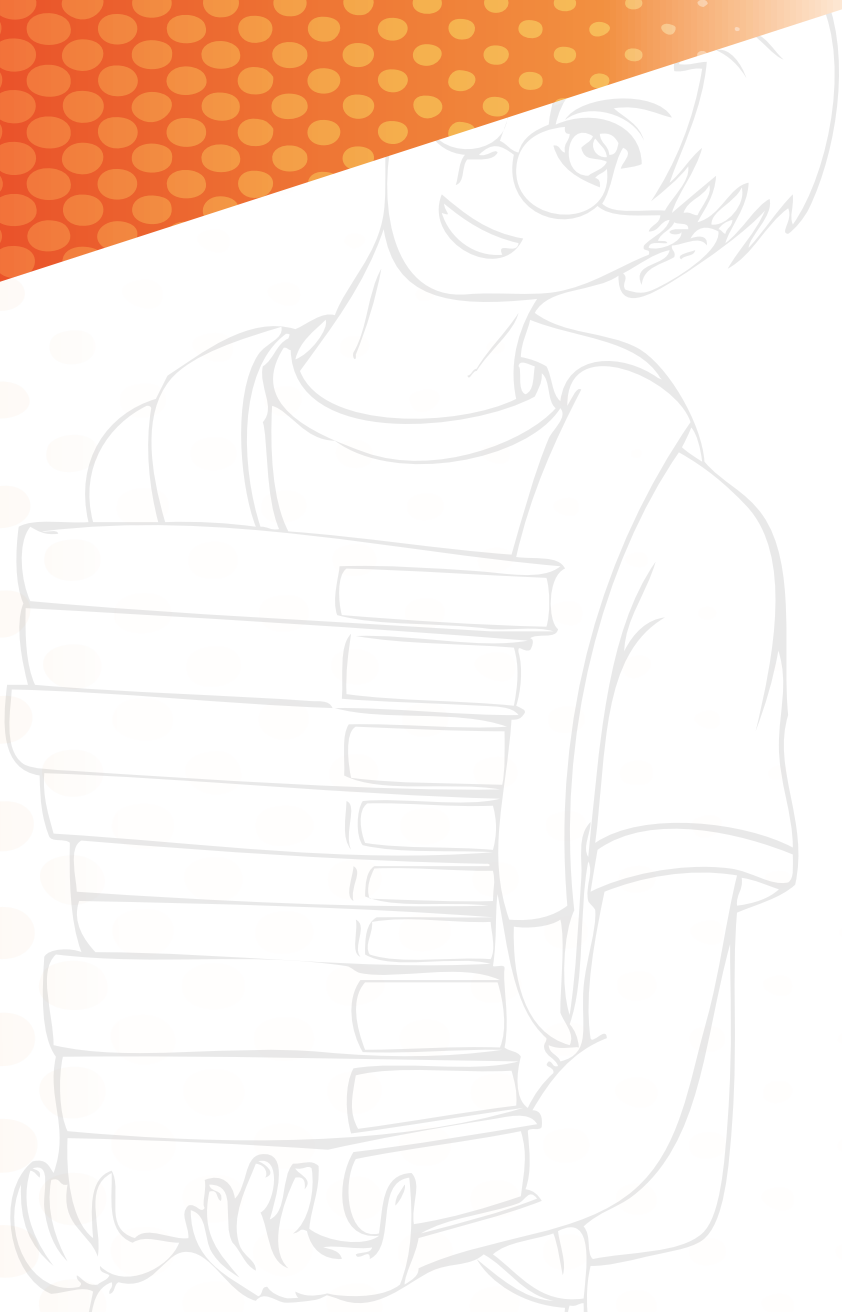
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION



100 BOOKS BEFORE COLLEGE

Warren-Newport Public Library wnpl

The Friends of the Warren-Newport Public Library are pleased to announce the awarding of one $1000 scholarship to a qualifying high school graduate.

We are excited that you are applying for the Friends of the Warren-Newport Public Library 100 Books Before College Scholarship. To be eligible, please complete and sign this official application and ensure all items listed in the Application Checklist are included with your submission.

Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for this scholarship, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Be a graduating senior of the current academic year. Home school students are also eligible.
- Hold a valid Warren-Newport Public Library card.
- Have completed the 100 Books Before College Reading Challenge.
- Plan to pursue a two- or four-year degree at an accredited college, university, junior college, or vocational school following graduation (the institution must be accredited by a recognized regional accrediting body).

Application Checklist

To ensure your application is complete and eligible for review, please include the following items:

- ☐ **Completed Application Form**
- ☐ **100 Books Before College Challenge Verification**
- ☐ **High School Transcripts**
- ☐ **College/School Letter of Acceptance**
- ☐ **Letter of Recommendation:** From a teacher, counselor, coach, or advisor (no relation) explaining how they know you and why you deserve the scholarship.
- ☐ **Personal Statement**
  Please submit a typed essay (500-750 words) detailing your background, educational objectives, the influence of reading on you, and your motivation for seeking this scholarship.
- ☐ **Short Answer Questions** - Choose two:

  Book Impact
  Identify three significant books and provide a brief explanation, in approximately one hundred words for each book, discussing why they were meaningful. Include the title, author, and your remarks for each book. (Approximately 300 words)

  Books and Libraries
  Compose a short essay (approximately 300 words) detailing the impact books and libraries have on your life.

  Peer Recommendation
  From the 100 books you read for the challenge, identify the one you would most recommend to your peers and explain your reasoning. (Approximately 300 words).

Personal Information

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Date of Birth: _____ High School Graduation Year: _____

Educational Path: ☐ Homeschool ☐ Traditional High School/Name: _____

WNPL Library Card Number: _____

Family Information (Optional)

Father's Name: _____ Occupation: _____

Mother's Name: _____ Occupation: _____

Guardian (if applicable): _____ Occupation: _____

Are there any personal challenges or unique family situations affecting your education that you would like us to consider?

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College/School Information

List the colleges/schools to which you have applied:

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What major(s), minor(s), or vocation are you considering?

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Applicant's Work Experience

Employer / Dates of Employment / Hours Worked Per Week

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Awards and Extra-Curricular Activities

List your achievements, awards, activities, and community involvement for consideration.

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All materials must be received or postmarked by April 1.

Please submit your completed application packet:

- In-Person: Drop off your application at the Information Desk.
- By Mail: Send your application to the following address:

  WNPL Friends of the Library Scholarship Committee
  224 North O'Plaine Rd.
  Gurnee, IL 60031

WNPL staff will verify completion of the 100 Books Before College Reading Challenge and forward eligible applications to the Scholarship Committee. The Committee will carefully review these applications, paying close attention to the personal statements and letters of recommendation, to select the scholarship recipient.

All inquiries may be directed to Library Services at 847-244-5150 or by email at askus@wnpl.info.

I certify that the information in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of applicant: _____

Date: _____