

Friends of the Kingston Community Library

Academic Scholarship

Eligibility:

1. Friends of the Kingston Community Library Academic Scholarships are open to students who meet any one of the following conditions:
 - a. Kingston High School or home school graduating senior in the year of the application;
 - b. GED-certified student planning to attend or currently attending a post-secondary institution;
 - c. Former Kingston High School graduate/home school/GED student currently in good standing at a post-secondary institution.
2. Applicant must have a Kingston Community Library card. If unsure of your card number call the library 665-2745 or email klibrary@madisoncounty.net..
3. Applicant must provide evidence of acceptance and/or attendance at a post-secondary institution, community college, junior college, vocational/technical school, or four-year accredited college/university for Summer or Fall 2023 semester.
4. Essay and application must be completed and either deposited in the Book Drop box at the Kingston Community Library or submitted via email at klibrary@madisoncounty.net no later than 1:00 PM Saturday, April 22, 2023.

Essay Requirements: **Read this section carefully! Very, very carefully!** Scholarship awards are based solely on your response to the essay topic as described below. We do not ask for GPA or ACT scores, we do not ask for letters of recommendation, we do not ask for transcripts. All we ask is that you give your best possible thought its best possible expression in responding to the essay topic. Please know, too, that we do not consider anything less than the required minimum of 750 words an adequate response. Typed, 750 words are about two and a half pages, double-spaced, normal (12pt.) font size.

Attention: Failure to follow the directions below will disqualify your essay.

1. All essays should have a cover page with the essay title, your name, and date.
2. The essay should be well crafted and use correct spelling and good grammar. Please proofread your work carefully before submission. Careless errors quickly ruin otherwise eloquent work.
3. All essays must be a minimum of 750 and a maximum of 1000 words. You must number the pages and paper clip them together. Do not staple.
4. Essays must be the original work of the applicant. Plagiarism in any form results in disqualification.

Essay Topic:

When, where, and how did your relationship with books begin? In other words, when, where, and how did you learn to read? How has that process influenced your reading habits today?

Enjoy your journey back to your first book. It brought you to where you are right now: reading this essay topic about reading, and writing an essay of your own to help you continue your academic journey.

Best wishes,

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