

2020 Friends of the Cary Area Library Scholarship Application Form

Please complete the following application and submit it in person to the Cary Area Public Library Service Center **no later than Monday, April 20, 2020**. Late applications will not be accepted. Scholarship recipients will be notified/announced at the students' high school honors night in May.

The Friends of the Cary Area Library (FOCAL) are pleased to offer two \$500 scholarships to graduating seniors attending a two or a four-year college or university who reside within the Cary Area Library District. Financial need will be considered, but it will not serve as the primary criteria for selecting scholarship recipients. Successful applicants must meet the following criteria:

1. Be a graduating high school senior (with a 3.0 or above GPA), accepted and planning to attend a two or four-year college or university.
2. Complete and sign this application form.
3. Have assisted the Friends in setting up or working at a book sale, volunteered at the Library and/or have been an active member of the Teen Advisory Board.
4. Respond to two essay questions (minimum 1 paragraph for each question).
5. Provide two short letters of recommendation from a non-family member (supervisor, teacher, coach, counselor, etc) who is knowledgeable of the applicant's character. Letters must be written within 3-months of the application deadline to meet these criteria.
6. Live in the Cary Area Public Library District and have a Cary library card.

DATE: _____

NAME: _____

APPLICANT SIGNATURE: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE (if under 18): _____

ADDRESS: _____

CARY LIBRARY CARD NUMBER: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDING: _____ HIGH SCHOOL GPA: _____

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (Include Volunteer work, Clubs or Organizations, Sports, Hobbies, Work, etc.): *Please be very specific and indicate roles held, duration of time spent, and activities in which you participated. Attach document to application.*

CHOSEN COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY: _____

SUMMARIZE WHY YOU CHOSE THIS SCHOOL:

DESCRIBE YOUR INVOLVEMENT IN THE CARY AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY OVER THE YEARS YOU HAVE BEEN A PART OF THE LIBRARY DISTRICT. *Please be very specific describing the volunteer activities in which you participated. Attach document to application.*

SHORT ESSAY QUESTIONS

The essays must be the applicant's original work. Responses must be double-spaced and printed in 12 pt font. The lengths of the essays should be a minimum of one paragraph each. *Attach document to application.*

Required essays:

1. Libraries play an important role in the community. How can a library provide enrichment for high school students so that they use the library not just when they have homework?
2. What do you think the libraries of the future will be and how will we use them?