

## Friends of the Orchard Park Public Library 2024 Scholarship Application



The Friends of the Orchard Park Public Library is happy to announce our [annual scholarship](#) application with an award amount of \$1,000. The scholarship competition is open to any graduating senior from Orchard Park Public High School OR any parochial/private high school, **where the applicant's primary residence is in the Town/Village of Orchard Park OR within the Orchard Park Central School District**, and the applicant is continuing their education the following academic year by working toward a bachelor's or associate's degree at an accredited college or university **OR** is pursuing a technical certificate or professional license through a recognized organization **OR** will start a skilled trade apprenticeship under a mentor/manager.

The Friends' intent for this award is to assist in the purchase of items such as textbooks, course materials, digital devices, transportation, housing, food, clothing, tools, etc.

Determination for the award is based principally on the essay. Scholastic achievement will be used as a secondary criterion. We also require that each applicant has a [library card](#).

In addition to the requirements above, applicants need to ensure the following items are submitted with the application:

- **Essay of 500 to 750 words** answering the following: What does the library mean to you, and why is the library an important civic institution in Orchard Park?
- Copy of **official high school transcripts**
- **Proof of residency** within the town/village of Orchard Park or within the OP school district if not an OPHS student (e.g., driver's license or signed letter from a parent or caregiver that includes address and attests to residency)
- Copy of **letter of acceptance** to higher education institution **OR document showing enrollment in technical/licensure program** (must include name of organization, contact information, certificate/license type, length of program), **OR letter from manager/mentor** attesting to skilled trades training (must include company name, contact information, trade being pursued).

Applications can be [submitted online](#) or mailed to:

Friends of the Orchard Park Public Library  
c/o Scholarship Committee  
4570 South Buffalo Street  
Orchard Park, NY 14127

Alternatively, applications may be emailed to [president@friendsofoplibrary.org](mailto:president@friendsofoplibrary.org) or dropped off at the library.

**Application Deadline: Monday April 1, 2024**  
<https://friendsofoplibrary.org/scholarship/>

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Signing below indicates that the information contained in your application is accurate, you have read and understand all scholarship requirements, and agree to return the scholarship award in full if the requirements outlined herein are not met.

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date:

**Name:**

**Address:**

**Phone Number:**

**Email:**

**Grade Point Average:**

**Essay Title:**

**Essay Question:** What does the library mean to you, and why is the library an important civic institution in Orchard Park?

**What occupation do you expect to pursue?**

**What is your intended major, technical certification, professional license, or skilled trade?**

**Educational/License/Training/Apprenticeship contact and organization information?**

**Essay Directions:** Please answer the following question on a separate page/file from this application:  
What does the library mean to you, and why is the library an important civic institution in Orchard Park?

**DO NOT include your name on the essay,** but make sure the title you listed above matches on your essay exactly. Essay must be between 500 and 750 words. Be sure to include all required materials.

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### Scholarship Rules

- Immediate family members of the Friends of Orchard Park Library Board of Directors are not eligible for this scholarship.
- A completed application with all required materials must be postmarked or received via email or online submission by the application deadline: Monday April 1, 2024.
- Applications arriving after the deadline or those not in compliance with the instructions will not be considered.
- The Scholarship Committee will only consider submitted materials when making their determination.
- Students may not submit more than one application.
- All applications submitted remain the property of the Friends and will be treated as confidential. No personal information will be shared outside of the Scholarship Committee, except where the rules allow.
- Selection of the scholarship recipient will be at the complete and sole discretion of the Scholarship Committee.
- Essays and/or selected portions and/or direct quotes, may be published by the Friends or the Orchard Park Public Library with full name attribution.
- The award winner, and the award winner's educational plans will be announced publicly.
- The award may not be transferred to another student and will be rescinded if there is evidence of deceit, false, and/or intentionally incorrect information submitted on the application.
- If the scholarship is rescinded, the recipient must return all scholarship funds provided by the Friends.

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