

2024 FRIENDS OF THE BLUE EARTH COMMUNITY LIBRARY
[Proud member of MALF-Minnesota Association of Library Friends]
Scholarship Application

The Friends group is pleased to announce the creation of a \$1000 scholarship to identify and honor an outstanding high school senior who is a patron of the library.

The Friends of the Library is an independent non-profit organization dedicated to the support of the Blue Earth Community Library and the citizens it serves. A natural outgrowth of this support is the establishment of a \$1000 scholarship for a high school graduating senior, to be put towards tuition, books or other college financial requirements.

Funds will be presented in the form of a check made payable to the accredited educational institution following the successful completion of the student's first semester of the academic year.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- The student must have a current and active Blue Earth Community Library card.
- The student must be in good academic standing - last semester grade point average minimum of 3.0 or honor roll recognition.
- The student must submit an essay, minimum of 300 words; the topic is listed on the application form.

HOW IS THE SCHOLARSHIP DETERMINED?

The scholarship recipient shall be selected from the applicants who have met the eligibility requirements. Winners will be chosen on a competitive basis and without regard to family financial circumstances, gender, race, ethnic origin or religious preference. A Committee of the Friends will choose the winners by evaluating each candidate's completed application - essay, contributions to the school and community, academic performance.

Applications and all additional information must be completed and submitted to the Blue Earth Community Library by 5 p.m., April 30, 2024, to be entered in the scholarship competition.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION Please type or print clearly:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

College Choice: _____ **Possible Major:** _____

School Activities/Organizations: _____

Community Activities/Organizations: _____

Hobbies/Interests: _____

Essay: (300 word minimum, to be submitted on separate paper)

How has the public library helped you achieve your academic goals, influenced you or impacted your personal life?

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Scholarship GPA Verification

Part 1: (To be completed by scholarship applicant. Complete and take this form to your high school guidance office.)

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Part 2: (To be completed by high school official.)

School Name: _____

School Address: _____

Student's GPA (Class Rank, optional): _____

_____ **4 pt. Scale** _____ **Other**

School Official's Name: _____

Position: _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____