

**Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library
2026 Scholarship Application**

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

Essay Title _____

The Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library announces the sponsorship of a scholarship in the amount of \$1,500 to a student residing in Shrewsbury, graduating from a local public or private high school this school year, and continuing their education the following academic year as a full-time student working toward a bachelor's or associate's degree. The Friends' intent for this award is to assist in the purchase of the student's textbooks and other course materials. We extend congratulations to each applicant on their upcoming graduation.

The presentation of the award will be based principally on the essay submitted. Scholastic achievement and personal information will only be used as secondary criteria as deemed necessary.

Please be sure the following enclosures are submitted with this application:

Essay

Copy of high school transcript

Copy of letter of acceptance to higher education facility

Applications should be sent to: Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library
Scholarship Committee
c/o Shrewsbury Public Library
609 Main Street
Shrewsbury, MA 01545

My signature below indicates that

- 1) The information contained in this application is accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.
- 2) I have read and understand the Scholarship Requirements on the next page and agree to return the scholarship award in full if the requirements for the scholarship award outlined in this application are not fulfilled.
- 3) The essay reflects my own experiences and writing. I understand the use of AI-generated content may result in disqualification.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Parent's/Legal

Guardian's Signature

Date

**The Friends Complete Scholarship Policies and Procedures document may be requested at the application address.
Application Deadline: Friday, April 24, 2026**

What occupation do you expect to pursue after your high school graduation?

What college/university do you plan to attend? _____

What is your intended major? _____

List activities, honors, awards, special projects; including school, community, religious and youth organizations, etc.:

Essay question:

Please answer the following question. We would appreciate thoughtful answers/ comments directly in response to our essay question. Use a separate page and please omit your name from the page. You may submit a 500-word essay "Describe a moment when access to information, space, or support at the library helped you overcome a challenge or discover a new interest. How did that experience shape your growth?"

Please provide 3 copies. Be creative and good luck!

Scholarship Requirements

Relatives of members of the Friends Board of Directors are not eligible for this scholarship.

A complete application must be submitted along with all required documents no later than the deadline date or postmarked by the deadline date. Applications arriving after the deadline or those applications not in compliance with the instructions will not be considered.

Only the essay, transcript, and acceptance letter will be considered by the Scholarship Committee.

Students may not submit more than one application.

All applications for the Friends Scholarship remain the property of the Friends. The essay, or selected sections of the essay, submitted by the scholarship recipient may be published by the Friends or the Shrewsbury Public Library.

Selection of the scholarship recipient will be at the complete and sole discretion of the Scholarship Committee.

No later than December 1 of the following academic year the scholarship recipient must provide the Friends a Certification of Enrollment from the educational institution at which he/she is enrolled.

The award is not transferrable 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 Friends rescinds the scholarship award, the scholarship recipient must return all scholarship funds provided by the Friends.

If the recipient of the Friends Scholarship is unable for whatever reason to utilize the entire award, the remaining balance must be returned to the Friends.