

Harlan Community Library Foundation

2025 Scholarship Program

Award Amount: \$500.00

Application Deadline: March 31, 2025

Complete application and return (with all required items) to 718 Court Street, Harlan, IA 51537

Attention: Library Director

Eligibility:

1. Applicants can be any student who is a permanent resident of Shelby County and a U.S. Citizen.
2. Applicants must be a current college student or a graduating high school senior.
3. Applicants who are graduating high school seniors must not have any “Good Conduct Violations” (cell phone violations are exempt).
4. Applicants must be enrolled full time for the 2025 Fall Semester at a 4-year college/university or a 2-year community college.
5. Must have a current GPA of 2.5 (either in high school or college) on a 4.0 scale. Preference will be given to a student pursuing a degree in the field of Library Science, Education, Journalism or English. If there are no applicants in this field, others will be considered.

Scholarship Award:

1. Recipient must maintain a GPA of 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale) during the Fall 2025 semester.
2. Scholarship will be paid directly to the college/university at the end of the Fall 2025 semester after the Foundation receives verification of GPA and completion of Fall 2025 semester.

Applicant Information:

Applicant Name:
Address:
City/State/Zip:
Phone:
College/University Planning to Attend:
Planned Field of Study:
Current GPA: (submit an unofficial transcript with application)
Submit two letters of recommendation – one from school (principal, guidance counselor or teacher) and one from community (neighbor, employer or adult mentor). A maximum of 300 words each.
Also submit answers to the following (Typed, New Times Roman/12pt Font, Double Spaced, maximum of 300 words): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• School and Community Involvement: (Clubs, Organizations, Sports or other activities while in high school or currently involved in also include any employment)

- How has a public library impacted your life?
- What do you think is the role of a public library in a community?
- Reason why you want/need this scholarship.
- Plans and goals after graduation from college.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

** 2 scholarships will be given to the candidates who best fulfill the scholarship requirements.*