

## Friends of the Hunterdon County Library 2021 Books for the College Bound Scholarship Application

**Purpose:** The “Books for the College Bound Scholarship” program, now in its 16th year, provides 5 one-year scholarships of \$1000 each. Recipients will be five graduating high school seniors who meet the criteria below and will be attending an institution of higher learning the next year. The scholarship is intended to defray the cost of the recipients’ textbook purchases.

**Sponsor:** Friends of the Hunterdon County Library (FOHCL)

**Goal:** The objective is to award five scholarships to students in public, private, or home schools. Consideration will be given to geographic distribution among the five school/sending districts. The Scholarship Committee reserves the right to withhold scholarships at its discretion.

**Criteria:** The community service-based scholarship will award students with a library connection. Potential recipients must meet one of the following criteria to be considered for an award:

- Possess a library card from any library located in Hunterdon County.
- Do volunteer work at a Hunterdon County library or with the Friends of the Hunterdon County library.
- Be a library employee or a family member of a library employee or adult volunteer.
- Be nominated for the award by a Hunterdon County library employee, school or community librarian, or Friends of the Hunterdon County Library (FOHCL) member.
- Self- nominations are accepted and encouraged if the applicant meets one of the above criteria.

**Rules:** All submissions will be through google forms no later than April 30, 2021. Both essays must be answered completely and adhere to a 200 word (1200 character) limit. Submissions will be judged blind, and decisions will be based on adherence to the rules of the application and merit of the essays.

Recipients will be notified by May 14, 2021. Before funds are disbursed, each recipient must provide proof to the scholarship committee of acceptance to an institution of higher learning.

Each recipient is requested to attend the late spring meeting (either virtual or in person) of the Friends of the Hunterdon County Library and to submit a photo for publicity purposes. Recipients will be notified of the exact date and time in advance.