

## Eligibility

The applicant must:

1. Be resident of Franklin County enrolling as first year student at an accredited college, university, technical or community college for the upcoming school year
2. Provide a recent ACT/SAT/TABE score or applicable equivalent
3. Provide an official transcript of high school grades or GED certificate
4. Provide one letter of recommendation from a teacher and/or community leader who can attest to the applicant's academic abilities, character, and work ethic
5. Possess a valid PSPL library card, available at no cost
6. Submit a completed PSPL Scholarship Application

## Awards

\$1000 one-time scholarship to be dispersed directly to the institution as a reimbursement of tuition/fees charged to the student, or dispersed to the student and made payable to the school for that student.

## Deadline

Please submit the **application form** and your **attached answers** and **essay** along with your **official high school transcript or GED certificate, ACT/SAT/TABE scores, letter of recommendation** from a teacher or community leader, and a **copy of your PSPL library card**, by April 18, 2019. Please do not email the application packet. All documentation should be sent or delivered to the following address:

Paul Sawyer Public Library  
Friends of PSPL Scholarship Application  
319 Wapping Street  
Frankfort, KY 40601  
Attention: Donna Gibson

## Scholarship Program

The Friends of the PSPL has established a scholarship to promote the role and significance of the Paul Sawyer Public Library in the local community and to encourage and assist students of Franklin County who plan to continue their education.

## Selection of the Recipient

Scholarship recipients will be selected on the basis of academic records, activities, work experience, and volunteer work information, as well as the essay and letter of recommendation. The recipient will be notified by formal letter and be recognized at a scholarship/honors presentation.

Upon receipt, the essay portion of the application will become property of PSPL and may be on public display at the Library at the discretion of the selection committee and library staff. Other portions of the application will be destroyed following the awarding of the scholarship.

## Additional Information

Questions regarding the scholarship program may be emailed to Donna Gibson at [donnag@pspl.org](mailto:donnag@pspl.org).

A digital copy of the application can be found on the Library's website.

Want assistance with your essay? Use Tutor.com, a live, online tutoring service provided by the Library. Find Tutor.com under "Education, Technology, Test Preparation" at [www.pspl.org/elibrary](http://www.pspl.org/elibrary).



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Friends of the Paul Sawyer Public Library

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Type or neatly print all information except signature.

### Applicant Information:

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

First: \_\_\_\_\_ MI: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone : \_\_\_\_\_

Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ (mm/dd/yyyy)

### Parent/Guardian Information (if applicable):

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

First: \_\_\_\_\_ MI: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone : \_\_\_\_\_

Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### Remember to include:

- Responses  Essay  Letter of Recommendation  Official Transcript  ACT/SAT/TABE/GED Scores  Copy of PSPL Card

### School Information:

School Name/Home School/GED: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation/Completion Date: \_\_\_\_\_ (mm/dd/yyyy)

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

### Certification:

I certify that I meet the eligibility requirements of the Friends of PSPL Scholarship as described in the guidelines, that the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and that the essay and responses are my own, original work.

Applicant's Signature:

\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ (mm/dd/yyyy)

Parent/Guardian's Signature (if applicable):

\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ (mm/dd/yyyy)

## Responses and Essay

Applicant's responses and essay must be typed on a separate piece of paper and submitted with the application.

Please provide a brief answer to all of these questions.

- 1. Please list community or volunteer activities, school activities outside the classroom, or work experience in which you participated during the last three years. Include individual time commitment and leadership roles.
- 2. From the above list, briefly describe your most meaningful activity.
- 3. What are your educational and career goals, and how or why would this scholarship help fulfill your goals?
- 4. How have you utilized PSPL programs (e.g., book/media check out, Summer Reading, Gathering of Authors, online service, book discussions, Teen Advisory Council, volunteering, etc.)?

Please compose an essay on one of the following topics (600 word maximum).

- 1. Conduct an interview with a member of a previous generation, teacher, librarian, author, or mentor and write an essay that features how the library influenced him or her.
- 2. Share a book, literary character or a quote that inspired you to read or explore the library
- 3. How can a public library promote literacy in a community and ensure that a child or adult who is struggling is not left behind.
- 4. Recount the inception of the Paul Sawyer Public Library or a brief history of the PSPL in Franklin County (Lilian Lindsey, the name of our library, previous locations, etc.).
- 5. Who influenced you to read and expand your appreciation for books or for the library? Describe how he/she influenced you.

Category	Fair=1	Good=3	Excellent=5	Score
<b>Community or volunteer involvement; job/work experience</b>	1-2 examples of community involvement, volunteer work or job experience	History of and ongoing community involvement and/or job/work experience	Multiple examples of past and ongoing community involvement with leadership roles and/or what learned from work or job experience	
<b>School activities</b>	No school activities	Some extracurricular activities	Extracurricular activities with dedicated involvement and/or leadership roles	
<b>Meaningful activity</b>	Brief explanation	Interesting and relevant details	Descriptive account of how this activity impacted his or her life	
<b>Education and career goals</b>	Vague plans	Solid future plans	Clear objectives for the future with well-thought out plans and goals	
<b>Explanation of need</b>	Mentions expenses or circumstances which create a financial need	Explains desire to minimize educational debt or expenses	Fully describes expenses, circumstances, or family responsibilities that create a financial need	
<b>PSPL participation</b>	Aware that the Library exists	Acquainted with the Library and has checked out materials and attended programs	Specifics about how the Library has enriched and continues to be part of his or her life	
<b>Essay writing quality (Score x 4)</b>	Little to no effort. Meets minimal essay requirement	Fair writing quality. Content complete but ordinary	Excellent form, mechanics and style. Content unique	
<b>Essay content (Score x 4)</b>	Basic and general narrative	Content complete but not personal or passionate	Content interesting, descriptive, imaginative, compelling	

Reviewer	Total score
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