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Scholarship Application

2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

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100 W. El Dorado Parkway, Little Elm, TX 75068

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Little Elm Friends of the Library Scholarship Application Checklist

All applications must be received by Little Elm Friends of the Library Scholarship Committee by March 20, 2026 by **noon**.

Your application package should include all of the following:

- ☐ Applicant Information Sheet (part I, page 3)
- ☐ Questionnaire Sheet (part II, p.4)
 - A. Employment Questions
 - B. Scholarships you have been awarded
 - C. Essay
- ☐ Participation and Leadership Sheet (see part III, page 5)
- ☐ Counselor's Information Sheet (part IV, page 6)
(The name section should be filled in by applicant before giving to the counselor.)
Instead of including in application the counselor can scan and email directly to scholarships@littleelmfol.org
- ☐ Reference Sheet (part V, page 7)
One reference from a teacher, counselor, school administrator or coordinator from a volunteer organization in a separate, sealed envelope. The front of the envelope should say "Reference" and the applicants' name. (The name and school section should be filled in by student before giving to the reference.)
Instead of including in application the reference can scan and email directly to scholarships@littleelmfol.org

This application will not be considered unless all instructions have been followed and all scholarship requirements have been met.

2025 - 2026 Scholarship Announcement

This program is established by the Little Elm Friends of the Library (FOL), an independent non-profit organization dedicated to the support of the Little Elm Public Library and the community of Little Elm. The FOL's purpose in offering this scholarship is to identify and honor outstanding High School Seniors. All aspects and administration of the scholarship are provided by the FOL. Another option is to scan and email the application to scholarships@littleelmfol.org

How does a student qualify for the FOL Scholarship?

Any Senior student may qualify and enter competition for the FOL scholarship by meeting the following requirements:

- 1) A candidate must be a student in a public school, charter school, trade school or home school in the Little Elm area during the 2025-2026 school year.
- 2) **You have to live in an area serviced by the Little Elm Library.** These areas include those who don't have their own library (Oak Point, Hackberry, Lakewood Village, and various unincorporated areas.) Residents within the Little Elm boundaries, if you are unsure, please contact the scholarship director.
- 3) A student must complete a minimum of 20 hours of documented community service. **Ten of those hours must be completed at the Little Elm Library.** All volunteer hours must be completed between August 13, 2025 through March 19, 2026.
- 4) A student must be in good standing with the school.

How are the FOL scholarship awards determined?

The recipients of the FOL scholarships shall be selected from a group of qualifying Seniors that have met or exceeded the requirements of the program. The Scholarship 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 FOL will choose the winners by evaluation of activities and contributions to the school and community, academic record, and library staff's recommendations. Selected applicants may be invited to attend an interview with the Scholarship Committee. The winner will be notified prior to any public announcement by the FOL by April 2026.

What is the amount of the FOL scholarship award?

Friends of the Library are offering one scholarship at \$4,000.00. The scholarship check will be written directly to the college of your choice.

Questions may be addressed to:

Theresa Cotton
Friends of the Library Scholarship Director
e-mail: scholarships@littleelmfol.org
Phone: 903-437-4363

Submit the completed application package to:

Friends of the Library
Attention: Scholarship Committee
100 W. El Dorado Parkway, Little Elm, TX 75068

Or email entire application to scholarships@littleelmfol.org

Or drop off at the Little Elm Library Front Desk

Applicant Information Sheet

Please type or print clearly in black ink (to be completed by applicant)

Part 1 (Applicant Information)

Name: _____
Last First Middle

Home Address and City: _____

Contact Phone: _____ e-mail address: _____

Choice of College/University (circle status)

1. _____	<u>applied</u>	<u>accepted</u>	<u>not applied</u>
2. _____	<u>applied</u>	<u>accepted</u>	<u>not applied</u>
3. _____	<u>applied</u>	<u>accepted</u>	<u>not applied</u>

Anticipated Major: _____ Minor: _____

Community Service Hours

You must show 20 hours of community service to qualify for this scholarship. ***Ten of those hours must be at the Little Elm Library.***

Please provide the names of where you volunteered along with the hours and a contact number for verification of hours.

1) Volunteer Agency: _____ Hours Worked _____ Contact Number: _____

2) Volunteer Agency: _____ Hours Worked _____ Contact Number: _____

3) Volunteer Agency: _____ Hours Worked _____ Contact Number: _____

4) Volunteer Agency: _____ Hours Worked _____ Contact Number: _____

Part II (Questionnaire Sheet)

Applicant Name:

(About you and your thoughts)

A. If you have been employed (childcare, restaurants, merchant stores, etc.) during high school, briefly describe your work experience.

B. Currently, have you been awarded any scholarships? If so, please list source and award.

C. Write a short essay choosing **one** the topics listed below:

- 1) What impact has sports had on your life?
- 2) What have you contributed to your community?
- 3) Describe a personal experience that influenced your decision to pursue a particular field of study.
- 4) Explain the importance of financial literacy and how you plan to manage your finances in the future.
- 5) Tell us about a time you stepped up as a leader.
- 6) How has your family history, culture or environment influenced who you are?

Part III (Participation and Leadership Sheet)

Applicant Name: _____

A. School Activities, Organizations, Awards (include dates)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

B. Community Activities, Organizations, Awards, Offices Held, Honors (include dates)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

C. Describe any other honors, awards, organizations and applicable dates

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

Part IV (Counselor's Information Sheet)

Applicant Name: _____

To be completed by school counselor

Please place this page in a sealed envelope. Mark the envelope with: "Counselor Sheet" and the name of the applicant.

The Counselor's Information sheet can be emailed directly by the counselor to scholarships@littleelmfol.org

Name of Applicant: _____

Rank in Class: _____ Grade Point Average: _____

SAT Score: _____ ACT Score: _____

Counselor Comments (optional):

Counselor Printed Name

Date

Counselor Signature

Part V (References Sheet)

Applicant Name: _____

Please submit **one** reference from your school or one of your volunteer organizations. The reference letter should be in a sealed envelope. Mark the envelopes with: school or volunteer reference along with the applicant's name.

The reference letter can be emailed by the reference directly to scholarships@littleelmfol.org

Counselor, teacher, high school administrator or coordinator at volunteer organization:

Name: _____

Position: _____

Email: _____

Phone No: _____

Please return this form to:

Friends of the Library

Attention: Scholarship Committee

100 W. Eldorado Parkway Little Elm, TX 75068

Or email to: scholarships@littleelmfol.org