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CAROL ANNE ROBBINS SCHOLARSHIP 2023

PURPOSE: The Carol Anne Robbins Scholarship has generously been funded by a gift from the estate of Carol Anne Robbins. The intent of this scholarship is to support students with demonstrated scholarship, talent, and potential in their studies in the library profession.

ELIGIBILITY: Applicants must live or work in Lombard, Illinois, or be employed by Villa Park School District 45 or Willowbrook High School in District 88 and be a permanent resident of the United States. Eligible recipients shall be enrolled in or accepted by an accredited program. Current employees of the Library will be considered.

AWARD:

- \$500 scholarship awarded to applicants pursuing an Associate’s degree in Library and Information Technology (leading to LTA and LSSC certification).
- \$2,000 scholarship awarded to applicants pursuing a Master’s degree in Library Science or an additional Library Information Specialist teaching endorsement.

APPLICATION:

Submit the completed application by **April 30, 2023** at 5:00 p.m. to scholarship@helenplum.org along with the following attachments:

1. Two letters of recommendation
2. Brief statement indicating library-related work and library organizations you are a part of including the name, address, and dates worked.
3. Personal statement of no more than 500 words commenting on the value of libraries and why you want to pursue a library career.

Send official transcripts to: *Helen Plum Library – Robbins Scholarship, Attn. Sara Plasman, 110 W. Maple Street Lombard, IL 60148*

- For applicants pursuing an Associate’s degree in Library and Information Technology (leading to LTA and LSSC certification), include a certified transcript of library-related college courses to date, or, if none were taken yet, from an accredited high school, showing your overall grade point average.
- For applicants pursuing a Master’s in Library Science or an additional Library Information Specialist teaching endorsement, include a certified transcript from an accredited college, including any library-related graduate work to date, showing your overall grade point average.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

Three factors are considered in awarding these scholarships:

- academic excellence;
- leadership; and
- evidence of commitment to a career in librarianship

SELECTION OF SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS:

An awards committee chosen each year by the Executive Director will consist of the Library Director, a Library trustee (designated by the Library Board President), a Library Foundation member (designated by the Foundation President), and one or two additional library professionals as designated by the Director. The Library Director and Board of Library Trustees are solely responsible for final selection of scholarship winners. A personal interview may be part of the process. Each applicant will be notified of the committee decisions in June.

DISBURSEMENT:

Money will be awarded first for tuition payment. If the student has received other scholarships and does not need the funds for tuition, the money can be applied to the cost of books and fees.

Scholarship funds are payable after July 1, 2023 upon presentation of receipts substantiating payment. Funds must be applied before the end of the Library's fiscal year, June 30, 2024.