



**SCHOLARSHIP
PROGRAM**
of the NORTHEAST HARBOR LIBRARY

The Scholarship Program of the Northeast Harbor Library
Serving the Villages of the Town of Mount Desert and the Town of Cranberry Isles
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APPLICATION COVER SHEET – RENEWING APPLICANTS

OVERVIEW

The Scholarship Program of the Northeast Harbor Library was founded by the Trustees of the Library in 1953 for the purpose of assisting young people of the Town of Mount Desert who wish to continue their education after graduating from Mount Desert Island High School. Eligibility has been expanded to include students who reside in the Town of Cranberry Isles, and home instruction students who complete State of Maine requirements.

Scholarships are available for undergraduate studies at vocational schools and public or private colleges. The Scholarship Program is dependent on annual contributions, and a community-based Scholarship Committee determines the exact amount of the scholarship award each year. Applicants are notified of the amount of funding in August, and scholarship payments are made in the spring of the academic year.

APPLICATION PROCESS FOR RENEWING APPLICANTS

Renewing Applicants – DEADLINE MARCH 31

- Renewing Applicants must reapply each year and submit their official transcripts in order to receive scholarship payments. **The renewal application deadline is March 31st.** Incomplete applications or applications submitted without a transcript will not be considered.
- Students may email or mail their applications to the Northeast Harbor Library. Applicants who send applications through the mail may want to request a Certified Mail Receipt as proof that their application was submitted by the deadline.
- Renewal applications are available for download on the library website.
<https://nehlibrary.org/scholarship/scholarships-for-mount-desert-island-high-school-graduates/>

Applicants will be notified of award amounts in August.

Renewing Applicants may want to apply for the Beverly Coleman Scholarship Award which is an additional grant. Guidelines are available on the Northeast Harbor Library website:
<https://nehlibrary.org/scholarship/scholarships-for-mount-desert-island-high-school-graduates/>

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- Applicants must be graduates of Mount Desert Island High School - OR - must meet the State of Maine requirements for home instruction.
- Scholarship recipients or their parents must be domiciled in the Towns of Mount Desert or Cranberry Isles for the duration of the scholarship.
- Scholarship recipients must apply for the program annually using the form available on the library website. Students may receive scholarship awards for a maximum of five years of full-time or part-time undergraduate study. Award years do not need to be consecutive.
- Scholarship recipients must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher to be eligible for a scholarship grant. If the student's school does not issue grades, they must submit a letter stating they are in good academic standing.
- Students are responsible for following the guidelines of the program and must keep the library informed of any changes in contact information. Students who do not inform the library of current contact information will forfeit their financial grant for the current year.

SCHOLARSHIP GRANT PAYMENTS

- Scholarship checks are disbursed from January 1st through the March 31st.
- Before a check is issued, students must submit their most recent official transcript to the library scholarship administrator.
- The student must have a 2.0 or higher GPA.
- Scholarship checks are made out to both the student and the institution and are sent to the student.
- The scholarship award check must be properly credited to the institution's account by the end of the academic year of issue, or the award is forfeited.
- Students must determine their own tax liability for scholarship awards.
- Students awarded a grant who will not use the grant must notify the library's scholarship administrator immediately so that the funds may be reallocated.

BREAKS IN POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION

Students who discontinue their education before receiving all five years of scholarship awards are encouraged to reapply for scholarship assistance if they return to school at a later date and meet eligibility criteria.

SPECIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Beverly Coleman Award

The scholarship committee selects one renewing applicant each year for the Beverly Coleman award. This is a one-time award for one student, in addition to the general scholarship. The amount may vary from year to year. The criteria for this award are that the individual has a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher; and that the student demonstrates a deep interest in and commitment to one of these areas: community service, conservation, horticulture, or history. There is a separate application for the Beverly Coleman award available on the Northeast Harbor Library website:
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Northeast Harbor Library Scholarship Application RENEWAL APPLICANT INSTRUCTIONS

STEP I: Check Eligibility.

You are eligible for a NEH Library Scholarship if you:

Are a resident of the Town of Mount Desert or the Town of Cranberry Isles, and;
 Are a graduate of Mount Desert Island High School - **OR** - Have received home instruction and have completed all requirements and assessments specified in Maine's Home Instruction Law: M.R.S. 20-A §5001-A(3)(A)(4).

- **AND** -

Have received fewer than 5 years of NEH Library Scholarship Program awards.

- **AND** -

Have maintained a GPA of 2.0 or higher while receiving NEHL scholarships.

STEP II: Complete the Application Form.

Please complete the application form for RENEWAL APPLICANTS. The form is available at the library's website:
<https://nehlibrary.org/scholarship/scholarships-for-mount-desert-island-high-school-graduates/>

STEP III: Obtain your OFFICIAL transcript.

Please submit your OFFICIAL college transcript through the most recently completed academic term.

STEP IV: Apply for the Beverly Coleman Award.

If you would like to be considered for the Beverly Coleman Award, please follow the instructions on the award information sheet, available at the library's website:
<https://nehlibrary.org/scholarship/scholarships-for-mount-desert-island-high-school-graduates/>

STEP V: Submit your application and transcript by March 31st.

Drop them off at **1 Joy Road**, or mail them to the library: **PO Box 279, Northeast Harbor, ME 04662**

- **OR** -

Email the application, essay, and transcript to the library: **kswanson@nehlibrary.org**



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**PLEASE COMPLETE ALL INFORMATION AND
SUBMIT YOUR ESSAY AND OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT WITH THIS FORM.**

Date of application: _____

Full name _____ Age _____

Preferred name _____

Email address (NO mdirss.org) _____

Year of high school graduation _____

Mailing address _____

Home phone # _____ Cell phone # _____

Name of college or school _____

Major/Degree to be awarded _____

FAMILY INFORMATION

Parent/guardian name _____ Tel: _____

Address _____

Email address _____

Parent/guardian name _____ Tel: _____

Address _____

Email address _____

ESSAY

Please attach a brief essay describing your educational goals, academic accomplishments, extra-curricular interests, and involvement in community service. How will this scholarship help you achieve your academic and/or career objectives?