



Beverly Coleman Scholarship Award



In 2010, Dr. Douglas Coleman and his son Dr. Thomas Coleman contributed to the Northeast Harbor Library's Scholarship Program Endowment Fund to establish the Beverly Coleman Scholarship Award in memory of Beverly, who was Doug's late wife and Tom's mother.

The award is given each year to one current scholarship recipient whose activities and achievements exemplify Beverly Coleman's lifetime commitment to community service, conservation, horticulture, and history.

BACKGROUND

Beverly Coleman devoted her life to caring for her family and community. Behind the scenes she contributed to her husband Dr. Douglas Coleman's pioneering and award-winning research at Jackson Labs connecting obesity in mice to genetics. Beverly ran the household, cared for the children, and kept the books. She nursed their son, John, during his seven-year struggle with cancer, before he sadly died at age eleven. This experience led Beverly to volunteer with the Mount Desert Nursing Association, one of the many roles she took on to serve her community.

Beverly also volunteered with the Wild Gardens of Acadia for decades and helped to archive documents at the Northeast Harbor Library for more than twenty years. After they retired, Beverly and Douglas became advocates for land conservation. In part due to their volunteer work for several conservancy and forestry organizations, thousands of acres of Maine coastline and wetlands have been preserved.

Following Beverly's death, Douglas expressed interest in establishing a scholarship to assist local students with undergraduate tuition fees and Tom suggested creating the Beverly Coleman Scholarship Award, as he had received NEH Library scholarship awards while a college student. In doing so, the family generously carried forward both the scholarship program benefits and Beverly Coleman's spirit of service.

BEVERLY COLEMAN SCHOLARSHIP AWARD GUIDELINES

- Eligible candidates must be current recipients of Northeast Harbor Library scholarships.
- Eligible candidates must have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0.
- A student may receive only one Beverly Coleman Scholarship Award.
- An award need not be given in a year in which no suitable recipient has been identified.

APPLICATION AND AWARD PROCESS

- To apply for the award, current scholarship recipients will submit a paragraph (in addition to the regular scholarship application) describing how their activities and achievements align with any or all of Beverly's commitments to Community Service, Conservation, Horticulture, and History.
- The Scholarship Committee will review applications and select one awardee each year, to be announced in the summer.
- The scholarship award will be disbursed to the awardee in January of the academic year, after the student has submitted official transcripts to the library. The current award is \$2,500 and the amount is subject to change.