



New Ipswich Library Scholarship Policy

Scope of the Scholarship

The New Ipswich Library Scholarship honors the legacy of Miss Caroline Barr and the women of New Ipswich, who, in the late nineteenth century, established and funded the Library for the benefit of their community. Their vision created a lasting public resource; today, that legacy continues through the Library's ongoing commitment to education, opportunity, and service.

This scholarship encourages young residents to continue contributing to their communities and recognizes that even small acts of generosity and engagement can have a lasting impact.

Through this award, the Library continues to uphold and extend the mission of its founders.

Goals of the Scholarship

The New Ipswich Library Scholarship supports individuals residing in Greenville and New Ipswich, New Hampshire, who pursue postsecondary education after completing high school or its equivalent. Eligible post-secondary pathways include colleges, universities, accredited trade or technical schools, and formal apprenticeship programs.

Funds designated for the New Ipswich Library Scholarship shall be maintained within the Library's financial records and administered by the Library. The Library Director and Board of Trustees shall oversee the Scholarship Fund and may support it through fundraising efforts. Town tax revenues shall not be used to establish or supplement the Scholarship Fund. Private donations are welcome, and acknowledgment letters shall be issued within ten (10) business days of receipt.

Selection Criteria

Applicants must have completed high school or its equivalent while residing within the Mascenic School District.

Applicants shall provide documentation of acceptance to or enrollment in a post-secondary educational program, including a college, university, accredited trade or technical school, or formal apprenticeship program.

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Application Procedure

Immediate family members of Library staff or the Board of Trustees are not eligible to apply.

Applicants must submit a brief personal statement describing themselves and their intended educational or career path.

Each year, the Library will provide no fewer than two and no more than four essay prompts. Applicants are only required to respond to one prompt.

Responses shall be the applicant's own work and shall not exceed 300 words.

Selection will be based on clarity, originality, and sincerity. GPA and extracurricular activities may be included in the application materials but will not be determining factors in awarding scholarships.

Applications shall be reviewed by the Board of Trustees and the Library Director. Scholarship recipients shall be selected by majority vote of the Board of Trustees and the Library Director acting together as the Scholarship Committee.

Subject to the availability of funds, the Scholarship Committee may award one or more scholarships annually. The Committee reserves the right to withhold an award in any year when funding is unavailable or no applicant is deemed suitable.

The Board of Trustees reserves the right to amend these guidelines and policies as needed.

Recordkeeping and Administration

The Library is responsible for maintaining records related to scholarship recipients, including proof of enrollment.

Funds will be disbursed directly to the recipient's educational institution promptly once the Library receives the requested information from the applicant.

The Library will maintain a record of recipients and awarded submissions.

Written permission will be obtained from recipients before publishing any identifying information or images.

All legal and tax obligations related to scholarship administration will be observed.

The Library will adhere to all applicable non-discrimination policies.