



2019 Friends of the Olathe Public Library Curtis Gilmore Memorial Scholarship

The name of this scholarship, to be awarded annually, will be the “Friends of the Olathe Public Library Curtis Gilmore Memorial Scholarship.” This scholarship honors Curtis Gilmore, who distinguished himself as an Olathe Public Library youth volunteer.

It is open to all graduating seniors who have completed 100 volunteer hours for the Olathe Public Library between 8th – 12th grades. (Service hours may begin the summer before entering 8th grade). This scholarship is sponsored by the Friends of the Olathe Public Library.

Rules

Eligibility:

1. The applicant must be a senior who will graduate in May of the year the scholarship is awarded.
2. The applicant must have completed a minimum of 100 hours of volunteer service to the Olathe libraries from the summer before the applicant entered eighth grade through February 28, 2019.
3. Any applicant that has been dismissed from the volunteer program is ineligible.
4. The recipient may use the money at any school of higher learning: i.e., state, private or technical schools - all are acceptable.

Type of Scholarship:

1. The scholarship is not renewable.
2. This scholarship is awarded annually at the decision of the Friends of the Olathe Library Board of Directors.

Amount of Scholarship:

1. \$500 scholarships will be awarded to qualified individuals.
2. Funds will be payable upon verification of enrollment in higher learning.

How to Apply:

1. Complete the application form and essay.
2. Must have worked a minimum of 100 volunteer hours. The library's volunteer coordinator will confirm hours after the application has been submitted.
3. Submit a typed essay of no more than 250 words on the topic **“Volunteering at the Library: What It Has Meant to Me.”**
4. Your name and/or the name of the library where you volunteered *should not* appear in the essay. No resumes or letters of recommendation should be submitted. *Failure to follow these rules will disqualify your application.*
5. Applicant must state on the application his/her school plans.
6. Application must be submitted to Julie Clark at the Olathe Downtown Library, 201 E. Park, Olathe, Kansas 66061. It may be mailed, emailed (jsclark@olatheks.org) or hand delivered, but must be received by Julie by **4:30 pm, Thursday, March 28, 2019, in the administrative office.**

How Chosen:

1. Essays will be read by a committee of 3 - 5 people who will choose the winner. The essay will be judged on content, grammar, punctuation, and creativity. Please carefully address the topic, **“Volunteering at the Library: What It Has Meant to Me.”**
2. The number of library volunteer hours worked and years completed will be a consideration as well.
3. Decision of the judges is final and absolute.
4. In April, the President of the Friends of the Library Board will contact the students who are selected to receive the scholarships.

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Application for the Curtis Gilmore Memorial Scholarship**

Due by 4:30 pm, March 28, 2019, to Julie Clark, Administrative Office,
Olathe Downtown Library, 201 E. Park, Olathe, KS 66061
Application and essay may be emailed to jsclark@olatheks.org, mailed, or hand delivered.

Name: _____
 FIRST MIDDLE LAST

Address: _____
 STREET CITY STATE/ZIP

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ e-mail _____

High School: _____
 NAME ADDRESS

School of higher learning you plan to attend: _____

What is your area of study/major? _____

What grade level did you start volunteering at either of the Olathe libraries? (Circle one)

8th 9th 10th 11th 12th

What were your volunteer duties? _____

What other volunteer projects (besides the library) have you participated in?

Are you currently employed? Yes No. If yes, where _____

Parent or Guardian's Name:

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ e-mail _____

To Be Completed by Library Staff

For Official Use:

Applicant has completed the required minimum 100 hours

Yes _____

No _____

Year _____

Hours _____

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Year _____ Hours _____