



Friends of the Libraries, Kona (F.O.L.K.)

Scholarship Policy Statement 2022

Friends of the Libraries, Kona is offering scholarships to men and women pursuing a Master's degree in Library Science at the University of Hawai'i or who are Hawai'i residents enrolled in American Library Association accredited on-line Master in Library and Information Science program. Applications are available online and are accepted annually in February. Scholarships are awarded each year in April.

PURPOSE

To provide financial assistance to Hawaii residents who are seeking a degree in Library and Information Science so that there are qualified candidates to fill positions in the Hawaii libraries and related fields as they become available.

AVAILABLE SCHOLARSHIPS

Friends of the Libraries, Kona MLIS scholarships

Amount: Up to \$4,000

Eligibility Requirements

1. Be a resident of the State of Hawai'i. Preference given to Hawaii Island residents.
2. Be enrolled in an American Library Association accredited on-line library and information science program or the University of Hawaii Master's of Library and Information Science program or accepted for the fall semester.

Arne & Ruth Werchick MLIS Scholarship

Amount: \$6,000

Eligibility Requirements

1. Be a resident of the State of Hawai'i. Preference given to Hawaii Island residents.
2. It is the desire of the donor that the Board give special consideration to applicants who indicate an intention to pursue employment in the County of Hawaii after completion of the MLIS program. It is also the desire of the donor that the Board give special

consideration to applicants who are, or have been, employed in either the Kailua Kona or Kealahou branch of the Hawaii State Public Library System.

3. Be enrolled in a graduate program accredited by the American Library Association and can be enrolled in a classroom attendance program or a remote learning program, or a combination of the two.
4. Can be either a full- or part-time student but must be enrolled in at least two classes during the school year to qualify.

Application Deadline

In order to be considered for a scholarship, applicant must complete and submit all required materials by February 28, 2022.

Required Materials

1. Friends of the Library, Kona Scholarship Application Form
2. Personal letter describing your objectives and clearly establishing your reasons for pursuing a library career. This should include any information you feel would be helpful to the Committee in considering your need for scholarship assistance. If you know the field of librarianship or information science you plan to pursue and where you would like to work please tell us. (Personal letter must be attached to application form).
3. Signed Scholarship Policy Statement.
4. Two letters of recommendation from persons other than family members who know you well and can comment on your character, ability, and potential success in librarianship. It is preferable that at least one recommendation is from a professor. Please have the letters sent directly to Friends of the Libraries, Kona Scholarship Committee, 77-207 Hoowaiwai Pl., Kailua-Kona, HI 96740.
5. Official transcripts of undergraduate work and any graduate work. Please have the letters sent directly to Friends of the Libraries, Kona Scholarship Committee, Kailua Kona Public Library 75-138 Hualalai Rd, Kailua-Kona, HI 96740.

General Information

Awards will be made on the basis of scholarship, character, and financial need.

In the event you are awarded a scholarship:

1. Checks for scholarships will be forwarded to winners upon receipt of a photo suitable for reproduction. Passport type "head shot" at least 2"x 2". Good quality jpeg photo is preferred.
2. The Committee expects the recipients of the scholarships to keep in touch with the Committee by reporting on progress at school and contemplated placement after graduation. The Committee would

- appreciate the recipient's attendance at the Friends Annual Meeting held in January if recipient resides on Hawaii Island and the meeting time does not conflict with class attendance or work schedule keep
3. If the recipient does not graduate from library school within three years after receipt of the scholarship, the entire amount reverts to a loan and must be repaid within two years after last attendance at school.

All information presented will be held in strictest confidence.

Please sign and return this policy statement to indicate acceptance of the above specifications and conditions.

Signature

Date