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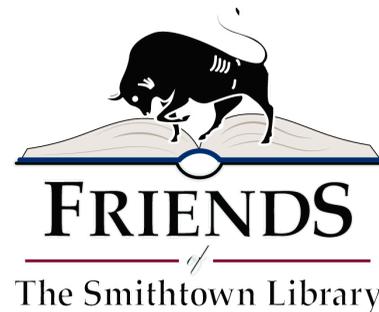
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### **The Scholarship:**

The Friends of The Smithtown Library recognizes the role and contribution of libraries in the lives of young people. For this reason, the Friends wish to offer scholarships to graduating high school students from the library district, so they may continue to access informational material as they further their education by pursuing a degree or certificate from an institution of higher learning or vocational school.

*For more information, contact Mr. Salas at (631) 360-2480 x128.*

### **The Awards:**

Winners will be selected by the Friends of The Smithtown Library and all decisions will be final. A \$1,500 scholarship will be awarded to the candidate whose application and essay best exemplify a desire to maintain a lifetime relationship with libraries. A \$750 scholarship will be awarded to the first runner-up.

*The Friends of The Smithtown Library reserves the right not to award a scholarship during an award year if no submissions are deemed suitable.*

### **How You May Help:**

Funds for the scholarship are collected from book sales, patron donations and Friends of The Smithtown Library dues. Book sales are made possible with the help of those who donate their books, DVDs and music CDs. Call the Library at (631) 360-2480 for more information about donating materials.

Be sure to also look for Book Sale events throughout the year.

### **Special Thanks:**

To all who have made donations, volunteered their time and purchased items to support the scholarship.

*Approval for distribution of these materials is not an endorsement of such services, activities and/or products by the Smithtown Central School District*

The Friends of The Smithtown Library is a volunteer organization dedicated to supporting the resources of the Library. The funds from sales, raffles and membership dues are used to purchase specialty items for the Library and to sponsor educational and cultural programs for adults, children and teens.

*The Friends of The Smithtown Library may be contacted at [friends@smithlib.org](mailto:friends@smithlib.org)*

*or*

*148 Smithtown Boulevard*

*Nesconset, NY 11767*

## Friends of The Smithtown Library

Visit our webpage at [www.smithlib.org](http://www.smithlib.org) under "About" then select the "Friends of The Smithtown Library" link.

# 2026 Friends of The Smithtown Library Scholarship Application

Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

High School from which you will graduate\*: \_\_\_\_\_

\*For Home-schoolers & Private Schoolers provide High School district in which you reside.

Volunteer Experience: \_\_\_\_\_

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Have you ever volunteered for or worked for The Smithtown Library? If yes, in what capacity?  
\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

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College, University, Institute or Vocational School to which you have been accepted  
(Name, City & State): \_\_\_\_\_

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Smithtown Library Card Barcode (Must be current): \_\_\_\_\_

**Your application will not be considered unless all of the following are included:**

- An essay of 350 to 500 words describing a positive experience you had involving The Smithtown Library. Please include your library card barcode at the top of your essay; do not include your name. *Essays become the property of The Friends of The Smithtown Library and may appear in promotional material.*
- A letter of recommendation from an adult (18 years or older) other than a relative or friend describing why you should be chosen for this scholarship.
- A copy of your letter of acceptance to an institution of higher learning.

**Application Deadline:** Close of business on May 15, 2026.  
**Scholarship recipients will be contacted by:** June 5, 2026.

**Return to:**  
Reference Desk at any Smithtown Library building  
-or- mail to:

**Mr. William Salas**  
**2025 Scholarship Coordinator**  
**The Smithtown Library - Nesconset Building**  
**148 Smithtown Blvd,**  
**Nesconset, New York 11767**