Little Elm Friends of the Library
Scholarship Application Checklist

All applications must be received by Little Elm Friends of the Library Scholarship Committee by April 12, 2024.

Your application package should include all of the following:

☐ Applicant Information Sheet (part I, page 3)
☐ Questionnaire Sheet (part II, p.4)
   A. Employment Questions
   B. Scholarships you have been awarded
   C. Choose ONE topic from those provided and write in essay format.

☐ Participation and Leadership Sheet (see part III, page 5)
☐ Counselor’s Information Sheet (part IV, page 6)
   (The name section should be filled in by applicant before giving to the counselor.)
   Instead of including in application the counselor can scan and email directly to scholarships@littleelmfol.org

☐ Reference Sheet (part V, page 7)
   One reference from a teacher, counselor, school administrator or coordinator from a volunteer organization in a separate, sealed envelope. The front of the envelope should say “Reference” and the applicants’ name. (The name and school section should be filled in by student before giving to the reference.)
   Instead of including in application the reference can scan and email directly to scholarships@littleelmfol.org

This application will not be processed unless all instructions have been followed, and all scholarship requirements have been met.
2023 - 2024 Scholarship Announcement

This program is established by the Little Elm Friends of the Library (FOL), an independent non-profit organization dedicated to the support of the Little Elm Public Library and the community of Little Elm. The FOL's purpose in offering this scholarship is to identify and honor outstanding High School Seniors. All aspects and administration of the scholarship are provided by the FOL. Another option is to scan and email the application to scholarships@littleelmfol.org

How does a student qualify for the FOL Scholarship?

Any Senior student may qualify and enter competition for the FOL scholarship by meeting the following requirements:

1) A candidate must be a student in a public school, charter school, trade school or home school in the Little Elm area during the 2023-2024 school year.

2) You have to live in an area serviced by the Little Elm Library. These areas include those who don't have their own library (Oak Point, Hackberry, Lakewood Village, and various unincorporated areas.) Residents within the Little Elm boundaries, if you are unsure, please contact the scholarship director.

3) A student must complete a minimum of 20 hours of documented community service. Ten of those hours must be completed at the Little Elm Library. All volunteer hours must be completed between August 10, 2023 and April 12, 2024.

4) A student must be in good standing with the school.

How are the FOL scholarship awards determined?

The recipients of the FOL scholarships shall be selected from a group of qualifying Seniors that have met or exceeded the requirements of the program. The Scholarship winners will be chosen on a competitive basis and without regard to family financial circumstances, gender, race, ethnic origin, or religious preference. A committee of the FOL will choose the winners by evaluation of activities and contributions to the school and community, academic record, and library staff's recommendations. Selected applicants may be invited to attend an interview with the Scholarship Committee. The winner will be notified prior to any public announcement by the FOL in May of 2024.

What is the amount of the FOL scholarship award?

Friends of the Library are offering one scholarship at $4,000.00. The scholarship check will be written directly to the college of your choice.

Questions may be addressed to:
Theresa Cotton
Friends of the Library Scholarship Director
e-mail: scholarships@littleelmfol.org
Phone: 713-582-7749

Submit the completed application package to:
Friends of the Library
Attention: Scholarship Committee
100 W. El Dorado Parkway, Little Elm, TX 75068

Or email entire application to scholarships@littleelmfol.org
Applicant Information Sheet

Please type or print clearly in black ink (to be completed by applicant)

Part 1 (Applicant Information)

Name: __________________________________________________

Last                     First                     Middle

Home Address: ____________________________________________________________

Contact Phone: _______________ e-mail address: _____________________________

Choice of College/University (circle status)
1. ___________________________ applied accepted not applied
2. ___________________________ applied accepted not applied
3. ___________________________ applied accepted not applied

Anticipated Major: ___________________________ Minor: ______________________

Community Service Hours

You must show 20 hours of community service to qualify for this scholarship. Ten of those hours must be at the Little Elm Library.

Please provide the names of where you volunteered along with the hours and a contact number for verification of hours.

1) Volunteer Agency: ____________ Hours Worked______ Contact Number: ____________
2) Volunteer Agency: ____________ Hours Worked______ Contact Number: ____________
3) Volunteer Agency: ____________ Hours Worked______ Contact Number: ____________
4) Volunteer Agency: ____________ Hours Worked______ Contact Number: ____________
Part II (Questionnaire Sheet)

Applicant Name: _______________________________________________________

(About you and your thoughts)

A. If you have been employed (childcare, restaurants, merchant stores, etc.) during high school, briefly describe your work experience.

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B. Currently, have you been awarded any scholarships? If so, please list source and award.

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C. On a separate piece of paper, answer ONE of the questions below (essay format):

1) Reflect on something that someone has done for you that has made you happy or thankful in a surprising way. How has this gratitude affected or motivated you?

2) What have you done to make your school or your community a better place?

3) Advice is sometimes easier to give than to follow. Share a piece of advice you ignored and why you should have followed it. What happened?

4) Write about the role that a certain activity (sports, theater, band, etc.) has had on your life.

5) What are your academic and future goals?

6) Please explain how your experience volunteering and participating in community service has shaped your perspective on humanity. Elaborate on how these experiences have influenced your future ambitions and career choice.
Part III (Participation and Leadership Sheet)

Applicant Name: __________________________________________________________

A. School Activities, Organizations, Awards (include dates)
   1. _________________________________________________________________
   2. _________________________________________________________________
   3. _________________________________________________________________
   4. _________________________________________________________________
   5. _________________________________________________________________
   6. _________________________________________________________________

B. Community Activities, Organizations, Awards, Offices Held, Honors (include dates)
   1. _________________________________________________________________
   2. _________________________________________________________________
   3. _________________________________________________________________
   4. _________________________________________________________________
   5. _________________________________________________________________
   6. _________________________________________________________________

C. Describe any other honors, awards, organizations and applicable dates
   1. _________________________________________________________________
   2. _________________________________________________________________
   3. _________________________________________________________________
   4. _________________________________________________________________
   5. _________________________________________________________________
   6. _________________________________________________________________
Part IV (Counselor’s Information Sheet)

Applicant Name: _______________________________________________________

To be completed by school counselor

Please place this page in a sealed envelope. Mark the envelope with: “Counselor Sheet” and the name of the applicant.

The Counselor’s Information sheet can be emailed directly by the counselor to scholarships@littleelmfol.org

Name of Applicant: _______________________________________________________

Rank in Class: ____________________  Grade Point Average: ____________________

SAT Score: ____________________  ACT Score: ____________________

Counselor Comments (optional):

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Counselor Printed Name  ____________________  Date  ____________________

Counselor Signature
Part V (References Sheet)

Applicant Name: __________________________________________________________

Please submit one reference from your school or one of your volunteer organizations. The reference letter should be in a sealed envelope. Mark the envelopes with: school or volunteer reference along with the applicant’s name.

The reference letter can be emailed by the reference directly to scholarships@littleelmfol.org

Counselor, teacher, high school administrator or coordinator at volunteer organization:

Name: _________________________________________________________________

Position: ______________________________________________________________

Email: __________________________________________________________________

Phone No: __________________________

Please return this form to:
Friends of the Library
Attention: Scholarship Committee
100 W. Eldorado Parkway Little Elm, TX 75068

Or email to: scholarships@littleelmfol.org