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2015 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 40 volunteer hours for the Olathe Public Library between 8 - 12th grade. (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 40 hours of volunteer service to the Olathe Public Library from the summer before the applicant entered eighth grade until April 1, 2015.
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. Two \$500 scholarships will be awarded to qualified individuals.
2. Payable upon verification of enrollment in higher learning.

How to Apply:

1. Complete the application form and essay (details below).
2. Must have worked a minimum of 40 volunteer hours. The community relations coordinator will confirm hours after receiving the completed application.
3. Submit an essay of 200 - 500 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 worked **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 the Community Relations Coordinator, who is located in the Administration Office at the Olathe Public Library, 201 E. Park, Olathe, Kansas, 66061. It may be mailed or hand delivered, but must be received by **5:00 pm, Thursday, April 16, 2015.**

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. Number of library volunteer hours completed will be a consideration as well.
3. Decision of the judges is final and absolute.
4. The scholarship will be presented in the summer at a special awards ceremony hosted by the Friends of the Olathe Public Library.

