

# *The Friends of Mt. Lebanon Public Library Scholarship*

## Purpose:

The scholarships given by the Friends have the express purpose of recognizing those high school seniors from Mt. Lebanon who exhibit community leadership through volunteerism at the Library. One or two scholarships in the amount of \$1,000.00 may be awarded each year. The scholarship committee reserves the right not to award scholarships in any given year.

## Eligibility:

1. Students must be Mt. Lebanon residents who have volunteered at the Mt. Lebanon Public Library a minimum of 55 hours within the 12 months prior to applying.
2. Students must be high school seniors graduating in the spring of each year. Any Mt. Lebanon resident who is a high school senior may apply, not just those attending Mt. Lebanon High School.
3. Students must be attending an accredited college, university, or institute of higher learning as a freshman in the fall following graduation.

## Requirements:

1. Students will submit a 500-word essay to a designated committee of the Friends of Mt. Lebanon Library. The essay will address "How has your volunteerism at Mt. Lebanon Library affected your academic and personal growth?"
2. Students will include a letter of acceptance from their college or university for the fall term after graduation. If the student has not heard from the school, this letter may be submitted after the February 15 deadline but before the May 1 notification date.
3. Students will include one letter of recommendation.

## Application and Deadline:

1. Applications will be at the Mt. Lebanon Public Library Circulation Desk and at local high schools that have Mt. Lebanon residents as students. The deadline is February 15 each year. Recipients will be notified by May 1 each year.

## Other:

1. A selection committee of 5 – 6 Friends' members will read and evaluate all applications. The decision of the committee is final.
2. The winning essay will be published in the Friends' Library Newsletter.
3. Publicity will be extensive. The Mt. Lebanon counseling office and community service office will be notified. It will be announced at the Friends' Annual Meeting, and posted in the Mt. Lebanon Magazine and Friends newsletter. Press releases will be sent to local media.