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Friends of the Library of Windham

The Friends of the Library of Windham (FLOW) is pleased to announce that it will be awarding four distinct grants for a total amount of \$8,000; two are for high school seniors working toward a 4 year degree at a college or university, one is for a high school senior going to a community college or trade school, and the final grant is for a non-traditional student returning to school after a gap of 5 or more years.

The recipients of the FLOW 2021 Grants will be awarded funds to use toward tuition, the purchase of books, and any other supplies needed to further their education. This is a one-time award, not an annual recurring one. Recipients may only receive it once. Grant winners will be announced at the Windham High School Scholarship Night.

Applications are available at the Nesmith Library, FLOW's website, and on the school's scholarship portal. Please complete all the required steps carefully and return it either to the Windham High School Guidance Office or to the library by the end of day on **Wednesday, April 1, 2021**.

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- In addition to the forms, documents, and an essay, the final applicants for each grant will be invited to a personal interview prior to determination of the award.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email Academicgrants@FlowWindham.org.

***Friends of the Library of Windham
Grant 2021
Application***

Please indicate which grant you are applying for:

- The Mary Long Arts Grant
- The Professional Studies Grant
- The Community College/Trade School Grant
- The Grant for Returning Non-traditional Students

Applicant's Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

High School: _____ GPA: _____

College Acceptance: _____

Intended Major: _____

If chosen I would like to receive my award:

- at the Windham High School Scholarship Night
- at the high school I attend (not WHS).
- in a more private setting

Essay

Please write a short essay (300-500 words) that describes who you are. The essay can focus on any specific topic you like (such as sports, outside activities, community action, academics, a person who has made a big impact on your life, religion, etc.), but must address the following:

- What is your passion in life?
- How do you plan to get there?
- What have you done in or out of school that addresses your passion?
- How is secondary education going to feed that passion?
- Why do you deserve this grant money?

Your essay must be typed. Do not submit a handwritten essay.

The essay will be evaluated on the following: (scoring rubric attached)

- Clarity (how well you have expressed your passion)
- Realistic goals (how attainable your goals appear)
- Quality of writing (good grammar, sensible transitions, spell-checked)
- Coherence (Does your essay make sense? Do your goals and passions comport with your activities and argument for getting the award?)

Requirements for the Mary Long Arts Grant

The Mary Long Arts Grant is established to help students pursue their studies in the arts. Examples of degrees may include:

Architecture	Broadcast Journalism	Drama/Theatre	Web Design
Art	Communications	Music	Museum Studies
Art Conservation	Creative Writing	Film	
Art History	Dance	Graphic Arts	

Minimum Requirements for this grant

- Acceptance to a 4-year accredited university or college in one of the above programs
- Windham Resident
- Grade point average of 3.0 or higher
- Graduating Senior

Required documentation

Each of these items must accompany the application. If any items are missing, the application will be returned to the student for completion before evaluation.

- Copy of acceptance letter from university or college
- Official transcript from your high school in a sealed envelope with the school seal
- Three letters of reference
 - A non-academic recommendation letter by an employer, coach, minister, or club/activity
 - A recommendation made by a supervisor or witness to your community service.
 - A letter of recommendation of your choice (not a family member).
- Completed essay

Requirements for Professional Studies Grant

The Professional Studies Grant is established to help students pursue their professional studies. Examples of eligible disciplines may include, but are not limited to:

Applied Sciences	Life Sciences
Business	Physical Sciences
Computer Science	Pre-Law
Engineering	Pre-Med
Education	Sociology
Health and Human Services	Psychology

Minimum Requirements for this grant

- Acceptance to a 4-year accredited university or college in one of the programs listed above.
- Windham Resident
- Grade point average of 3.0 or higher
- Graduating Senior

Required documentation

Each of these items must accompany the application. If any items are missing, the application will be returned to the student for completion before evaluation.

- Copy of acceptance letter from university or college
- Official transcript from your high school in a sealed envelope with the school seal
- Three letters of reference
 - A non-academic recommendation letter by an employer, coach, minister, or club/activity
 - A recommendation made by a supervisor or witness to your community service.
 - A letter of recommendation of your choice (not a family member).
- Completed essay

Requirements for Community College and Trade School Grant

The Community College/Trade School Grant is established to help students attend a two-year community college or a vocational school. FLOW recognizes not all students want or need to go to a four-year institution to accomplish their next step in education. A two-year community college offers a variety of educational programs that can lead to earning an associate's degree or a certification. A vocational school is any educational institution that is specifically geared toward helping students get employment-ready skills and knowledge for particular occupations.

Examples of schools include, but are not limited to the following. Schools located in other states are acceptable options.

Concord Regional Technical Center	Manchester School of Technol	NH Real Estate School
Empire Beauty Schools of New Hampshire	Nashua Community College	River Valley Community College
Great Bay Community College	Nashua Technical Center	The New Hampshire School of Mechanical Trades
Lakes Region Community College	NHTI	White Mountains Community College
Manchester Community College		

Minimum Requirements for this grant

- Acceptance in a 2-year accredited community college or trade school
- Windham Resident
- Grade point average of 2.5 or higher
- Graduating Senior

Required documentation

Each of these items must accompany the application. If any items are missing, the application will be returned to the student for completion before evaluation.

- Copy of acceptance letter to community college or trade school
- Official transcript from your high school in a sealed envelope with the school seal
- Three letters of reference. Please do not use your college application letter as a reference for this grant.
 - A non-academic recommendation letter by an employer, coach, minister, or club/activity
 - A recommendation made by a supervisor or witness to your community service.
 - A letter of recommendation of your choice (not a family member).
- Completed essay

Non-Traditional/Returning to College Grant

Non-traditional students fall outside the preconceived norms for college-bound students. General wisdom has it that high school graduates who wish to pursue a college education do so directly after graduation, completing a seamless transition into post-secondary education. But there are many paths to higher education, and they do not all conform to the same map. Many students choose to postpone college, or move directly into the workforce bypassing a university education altogether. It is only later that they decide to pursue a higher education, either to improve their professional opportunities, or to expand their general knowledge. Still other students may have had their college careers interrupted, either by growing families or financial difficulties, and only later return to complete what they had started.

Minimum Requirements for this grant

- Acceptance to a 4-year accredited university, 2-year community college or a vocational school.
- Must have graduated high school at least 5 years earlier
- Windham Resident

Required documentation

Each of these items must accompany the application. If any items are missing, the application will be returned to the student for completion before evaluation.

- Copy of acceptance letter to one of the listed institutions
- Three letters of reference
 - A non-academic recommendation letter by an employer, coach, minister, or club/activity
 - A recommendation made by a supervisor or witness to your community service.
 - A letter of recommendation of your choice (not a family member).
- Completed essay

Scoring Rubric for the FLOW Grants:

Clarity measures how well the student has expressed his or her passion.

1 = vague (I like sports)

2 = poorly expressed (I want to do something with sports)

3 = clear (I want to be a major league baseball player)

Realistic goals measures the potential for attainability of the expressed goals.

1 = a real stretch (I will walk on the moon)

2 = a challenge (I will become an astronaut)

3 = attainable under reasonable circumstances (I will get a job in NASA)

Quality of writing is a highly subjective category, difficult to quantify but easy to identify.

1 = many grammatical mistakes that detract from understanding

2 = some grammatical mistakes/spelling errors

3 = very few grammatical mistakes/spelling errors

Coherence describes how well the goals and passions comport with the activities and argument for getting the award.

1 = incoherent or confusing (I like sports but have not played on any teams.)

2 = unclear (I want to do something with sports. My outside activities include playing in the band)

3 = logical (I want to be a major league baseball player. I have been MVP for three years in high school and play on a statewide team in the summer.)