

Believe in Books Literacy Foundation Scholarship Program

The Believe in Books Literacy Foundation (BIBLF) is seeking to reward volunteers for their dedicated community service, and their assistance in helping the Literacy Foundation to continue its goal of improving literacy throughout New Hampshire and Western Maine. These scholarships aim to recognize individuals who have volunteered their time in making programs of the Believe in Books Literacy Foundation successful, and who have truly captured the giving spirit.

The BIBLF Scholarships are open to all individuals furthering their education who have participated in our programs; *Journey to the North Pole™* Event, Outreach Reading Programs, Earth Day Event and the Theater in the Wood programs.

The Literacy Foundation awards up to 5 scholarships annually ranging from \$500 to \$1,000. These scholarships are intended to aid in the oncoming academic year and are used as reimbursements in the purchase of educational tools such as books, supplies, and educational software.

In addition to the Believe in Books scholarships, the Literacy Foundation may also award up to two “Notebook Awards” a year for volunteers who have displayed an outstanding commitment to the Literacy Foundation and its goals. Award winners will receive reimbursement for the purchase towards a computer to aid them in their educational pursuits.



Scholarship Eligibility & Guidelines

Individuals interested in applying for the BIBLF Scholarship must:

- Have volunteered for a BIBLF program or event for a combined total of at least 50 hours, 25 of which must have been in the past calendar year.

Individuals interested in applying for the “Notebook Award” must:

- Have volunteered for a BIBLF program or event for a combined total of 150 hours in their volunteer history.

All applicants must complete the application process as outlined below and postmark it by May 31, 2024. Please mail your completed application to: Erin Sweeney, Program Director, Believe in Books Literacy Foundation, PO Box 1800, Intervale, NH 03845. A completed application will include:

- A completed BIBLF Scholarship Application
- A personal reference from someone who is associated with the Believe in Books events and programs. This person must be familiar with your efforts on behalf of the event. We suggest A.O. Lucy, Erin Sweeney, Katie Young, Hannah-Jo Weisberg, Cierra Fall, Amanda Hayford or any other supervisory staff or volunteer. Please contact them first to let them know you will be listing their name as a personal reference.
- One letter of recommendation which must come from someone who knows you well, such as a teacher or employer (not a family member). This can be a recommendation already on file with your school or employer.
- A short essay about your favorite experience volunteering for the Foundation; typed, double spaced, and no more than 500 words.

Believe in Books Literacy Foundation Scholarship Application Form

Date of Scholarship Application: _____ (Deadline for receipt is May 31st of each year)

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ email: _____

Current School (if applicable): _____ Grade: _____

a. Please name as your personal reference one of the following people associated with the Believe in Books Literacy Foundation who is familiar with your volunteer efforts. *Make sure they are aware you are listing them as a personal reference.

_____ A.O. Lucy

_____ Erin Sweeney

_____ Katie Young

_____ Hannah-Jo Weisberg

_____ Cierra Fall

_____ Amanda Hayford

Other, if not listed above _____

b. Include one letter of recommendation, which must come from someone who knows you well, such as a teacher or employer (not a family member). This can be a recommendation already on file with your school or employer.

2. Please detail your participation by indicating which years volunteered, different positions held (elf, chef, preschool reader, construction worker, lottery caller, etc.), different activities involved with, and approximate number of hours worked.

3. *If you are currently in high school, please answer 3a. If not, please go to 3b.*

a. Please detail your plans for further education, including which school you are planning to attend and what studies you would like to pursue.

b. Are you currently enrolled in or planning to enroll in a continuing education program? If yes, what is the focus of your program?

4. Will you be applying for Financial Aid or are you currently receiving financial aid?

_____ Yes

_____ No

5. Having participated in *Journey to the North Pole*TM Event, Earth Day Event, *Theater in the Wood* programs, an Outreach Reading Program, or event/venue preparation, please share with us your favorite experience with the event.

(Essay format: typed, double-spaced, no more than 500 words)