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February 2025

Dear Senior:

The Friends of MCPL are proud to announce that we will again be awarding two scholarships this year to college bound seniors who reside in MCCSD and who have also contributed to MCPL during their years in high school.

Each scholarship is in the amount of \$500 and will be given to January or June 2025 graduates.

**Requirements:** Applicants must submit the following:

1. Completed Scholarship Application form including the student's GPA (attached)
2. Completed Middle Country Public Library Participation form (attached)
3. A 300-400 word essay in response to one of the two attached topics (See attached Friends of MCPL Scholarship Essay 2025)

The scholarship committee will rate the applicants' GPA, library participation and essay equally during the evaluation process.

Applications can be given to your high school guidance counselor, or they can be mailed to:

**The Friends of MCPL Scholarship Committee**  
**101 Eastwood Blvd.**  
**Centereach, NY 11720**

Applications are to be postmarked no later than **Tuesday, February 25, 2025.**

If you have any questions, contact Janice Boscarino at (631) 585-9393 ext. 252 or email us at [friends@mcplibrary.org](mailto:friends@mcplibrary.org)

Good luck!

Sincerely,  
*Donna Smosky*  
Friends of MCPL Scholarship Chairperson

**Middle Country Public Library – 101 Eastwood Blvd., Centereach, N.Y. 11720-2745**

2025

FRIENDS OF MCPL

**\$500 Scholarship Application**

Directions: Please print and sign this application. Note that your guidance counselor's signature is also required.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address  
\_\_\_\_\_

School graduating from:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative Grade Point Average: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Please have your guidance counselor sign this application to verify the accuracy of the information provided.

Signature of Guidance Counselor: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Friends of MCPL Scholarship Essay 2025**

In a well-written essay of 300-400 words, respond to one of the following topics. Type your essay using 12- or 14- point type and double space.

**PLEASE WRITE YOUR STUDENT HIGH SCHOOL ID NUMBER ON YOUR ESSAY. DO NOT WRITE YOUR NAME ON YOUR ESSAY.**

- 1) Identify one MCPL community service program in which you are, or were, involved in during high school. Describe your experience in that program while giving back to the community as a library volunteer. How has this experience impacted your life or you personally?

OR

- 2) Reflect on your participation in one or more MCPL programs or your utilization of library services or resources. How have those programs or services influenced your growth as a student and/or as an individual?

Name \_\_\_\_\_

### MCPL Participation Form

Please check the program/s that you have been involved in at MCPL as well as the year/s during which this occurred.

	Freshman	Sophomore	Junior	Senior
Art Buddies				
Book Buddies				
Crochet for a Cause				
Gardening Crew				
Green Teens				
Homework Pals/Study Pals				
Math Buddies				
Media Teens				
Mutt Club				
STEM Buddies				
Teen Advisory Council				
Teen Book Reviewers				
Teen Tech 4 Good				
Virtual Volunteering				
Other (Please Specify				