

## Mammoth Lakes Friends of the Library Mammoth High School Book Scholarships Policy

Mammoth Lakes Friends of the Library will offer scholarships annually to Mammoth High School graduating seniors to help purchase books for college.

The total amount available to be awarded will be included in that year's approved budget. The number of grants and the dollar amount of the grants will be based on the number of eligible candidates for that same fiscal year.

The following criteria shall apply:

Students must have an active library card and have used their card to check out materials (not for computer use) during the previous twelve months from the time of application.

Students must fill out the community scholarship request form provided by MHS counseling staff.

Students must have attended Mammoth High School or the Independent Learning Center (ILC) for 3 out of the 4 years.

Students will be selected using Grade Point Average (GPA) as the main criteria, with a minimum of 3.0 GPA. This may be overridden for a student who has been a library volunteer and/or a student who has been a community volunteer above and beyond the required community service requirements, or whose outstanding personal essay merits additional consideration.

For special consideration, students may volunteer at the library, record their volunteer hours on the form available from the MHS counseling office, and submit the form with their applications.

Procedure:

Each year three members of the Mammoth Lakes Friends of the Library will be chosen as the Scholarship Selection Committee. This committee will request the community scholarship applications from the counseling staff. They will recommend, to the Board, students to receive the book scholarships.

The award will be given by a selected Mammoth Lakes Friends of the Library board member at the MHS Awards Breakfast, which usually takes place on the morning of graduation. At the breakfast, the student will receive a certificate of the award. The student will need to provide proof of registration in college to the Friends of the Library, before the check is written. The proof of registration can be mailed to the Friends of the Library or brought into any scheduled meeting.

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