

The Soldotna Library Scholarship Fund

Each winter the Soldotna Library Scholarship Fund Committee, on behalf of the City of Soldotna, conducts an annual scholarship process to determine who will receive a scholarship from the Soldotna Library Scholarship Fund. The amount available this year for a scholarship award is approximately \$1,775.00. The endowment will award the scholarship to a student pursuing an educational/teaching career.

The Soldotna Library Scholarship Fund Committee awards the scholarship based on the qualifications of each applicant. The Recipient will receive a one-time \$1,775.00 scholarship toward their post-secondary education, technical education or trade school certificate.

Eligibility Criteria for a Soldotna Library Scholarship:

A Soldotna Library Scholarship is available to high school seniors, undergraduate students, graduate students and adults whose legal residence is in Alaska and meet the criteria outlined below. The purpose of each award is to cover tuition, fees, room and board, and books.

1. Applicants must be one of the following:
 - A. A high school senior attending high school in the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District;
 - B. An under-graduate or graduate college student who has graduated from a Kenai Peninsula high school; or
 - C. A resident of the Kenai Peninsula Borough.
2. Applicants must be pursuing a post-secondary education at an accredited college, university or an appropriate vocational/technical school of choice beginning no later than the fall semester of 2021.

IF an awardee is unable to attend in the fall of 2021 due to Covid 19 related restrictions, the award can be reserved for the following semester.

3. The scholarship amount will not exceed the cost of registration, books and associated costs within the school year and must be fully spent prior to the 31st day of August of the following year.
4. Applicants pursuing a four-year post-secondary education must have minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5 in their respective high school or college transcript.
5. Applicants must be pursuing a career in education and/or teaching.

Applications are available at the following places:

1. Online at www.soldotna.org/scholarships ;
2. Soldotna City Hall (177 Birch, Soldotna, AK 99669);
3. KPBSD students may find an application on the OneStop Portal; or
4. Contact your high school counselor.

Applications must be turned in to Soldotna City Hall, located at 177 Birch, Soldotna, Alaska, 99669, by March 26, 2021, by 5:00 p.m. or applications which are mailed must postmarked by March 26, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.

The Scholarship Committee at its sole and absolute discretion will score applications based on the qualifications of each applicant. The scholarship recipient will be notified of their award at their respective high school's award ceremony or by mail. Funds will be sent directly to the recipient's school of choice upon receipt of proof of enrollment by the Scholarship Committee. **It is the student's responsibility to email the "Proof of enrollment" form to scholarships@soldotna.org within 30 days of receiving the scholarship** The decision of the committee is final and there are no appeals. Funds will be sent directly to the recipient's school of choice upon receipt of proof of enrollment by the Scholarship Committee. It is the student's responsibility to contact the committee to secure the awarded funds.

The Soldotna Library Scholarship Fund Committee consists of the following individuals:

Jeffrey Dolifka-Attorney

LaDawn Druce-Retired Educator

David Blossom-Pharmacist

Cari Friendshuh- Peninsula Plumbing and Heating

Mo Sanders-Retired Educator

If you have any questions, please email the committee at scholarships@soldotna.org

The 2021 Soldotna Library Scholarship Application

Each Applicant shall submit all the following documents IN ORDER:

1. **Cover Page**

The cover page shall include the applicants name, home mailing address, phone number(s), email address, parent(s)/guardian(s) name, parent(s)/guardian(s) address, parent(s)/guardian(s) phone number (s), their high school's name, the college or school they desire to attend, the date the semester begins, intended major, and a photo (optional).

2. **Resume**

The resume shall be in a traditional format and shall include all the following in this order:

- A. Header: Applicants name, home mailing address, phone number(s), email address.
- B. Work Experience
- C. Community service/Volunteer work
- D. Extra-curricular Activities
- E. Awards/Honors/Recognitions

3. **Personal Essay**

The personal essay shall not exceed 500 words, in size 12 font, double spaced. Applicants shall answer the following question:

“Why are you pursuing a career in education and/or teaching?”

4. **Letters of Recommendation**

Each applicant shall submit a minimum of two letters of recommendation (maximum of three letters of recommendation) from individuals who are not related to the applicant.

5. **A Certified Transcript**

An official transcript of the most recent education completed. Example: High school, College, etc.

***By submitting your application, you are granting the Scholarship Committee the right to use your name, picture, and/or any part of your application for advertising purposes in any medium.**