



**FRIENDS** of the  
Baxter County Library

## 2026 Scholarship

### Scholarship Amounts

The number of scholarships awarded and amounts vary year to year, depending on donations. Scholarships were awarded in 2025 for the following amounts:

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	\$1,500
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	\$1,000
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	\$800
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### Basic Qualifications

The Friends of the Baxter County Library Scholarship is open to Baxter County residents who meet the following criteria:

- High school graduating seniors
- Have a grade point average of 2.5 or higher
- Have been accepted by an accredited school of higher education

### Scholarship Application

The Scholarship Application includes submitting a 1,200- 2,000 word essay.

Complete the attached Application and submit along with all Required Documents.

Applications must be received at the following address by April 1, 2026:

Library Director  
Donald W. Reynolds Library Serving Baxter County  
300 Library Hill Mountain Home, AR 72653

For more information, contact:

Nancy Knopp  
Friends of the Library Scholarship Chair  
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**FRIENDS OF THE BAXTER COUNTY LIBRARY  
Scholarship Application 2026**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Qualifying Information</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	I am a Baxter County resident.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I attend a Baxter County High School: _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	I will graduate high school in the 2025-2026 school year.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I have applied for admission at the following colleges/universities:
<input type="checkbox"/>	My college admission test score is SAT: _____ ACT: _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	My grade point average is 2.5 or higher: _____
<b>Required Documents for Application</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	My Application form is fully completed.
<input type="checkbox"/>	My Cover Letter is attached, including a summary of my achievements and career goals.
<input type="checkbox"/>	My Academic Resume is attached.
<input type="checkbox"/>	My Essay is attached.
<b>Essay Requirements</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Written about the topic: <i>Take a definitive stand on the complex role of artificial intelligence in educational environments.</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	1200-2000 words
<input type="checkbox"/>	Includes a bibliography with a minimum of 5 sources.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Written in MLA style
<input type="checkbox"/>	DO NOT include your name or other personal information on the essay.

**All required documents must be received at the following address by April 1, 2026:**

Baxter County Library Director  
300 Library Hill  
Mountain Home, AR 72653

A separate judging panel will judge the essays. Applicants with top-rated essays will be interviewed by the Friends of the Library (FOL) Scholarship Committee in May. The winning applicants will be announced in May.

The scholarship recipients should agree to accept the award in person at the Library. Acceptance of the FOL scholarship authorizes the use of photographs and the names of recipients in all FOL promotional news releases.

The scholarship funds will be paid directly to the selected winners' institution of higher education. The student must provide proof of admission, after which the FOL scholarship funds will be disbursed.