

## Metropolis Public Library Ambassador Scholarship Program

The Metropolis Public Library is a free space for the community to discover, connect, and be inspired.

As a Library Ambassador Scholarship recipient, you will strive to connect and inspire through development and participation of programs, volunteering, and spreading the word, so others discover what we have to offer!

The Library Ambassador Scholarship Program is a scholarship program for grades 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>. The Library Ambassador Scholarship recipient will build their self-confidence and public speaking skills through interacting with library programs and events. Youth ambassadors generally are assigned to work with a staff member, emphasizing the value of teamwork, collaboration, and communication with staff. The ambassador will gain experience with library programming, marketing and branding.

What you will gain:

- Confidence in public speaking and customer service skills
- Experience with all aspects of library programs
- Professional development in team building and collaboration.
- Recognition on the ambassador landing page
- Scholarship of \$500.00 for each year of service after meeting all requirements
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How the scholarship works:

- If a 10<sup>th</sup> grader is chosen, they will have the opportunity to represent the library for three years, while maintaining a GPA of 3.5. Receiving a total of \$1500.00
- If an 11<sup>th</sup> grader is chosen, they will have the opportunity to represent the library for two years, while maintaining a GPA of 3.5. Receiving a total of \$1000.00
- If a 12<sup>th</sup> grader is chosen, they will have the opportunity to represent the library for one year, while maintaining a GPA of 3.5. Receiving a total of \$500.00

Requirements:

- If pre-selected after application is submitted the ambassador will prepare a 10–15-minute presentation to Library Director and Board of Trustees in August.
- The ambassador will commit to 36 hours of volunteer work at the library.
- The ambassador will complete 10 of those hours during the Summer Reading Program
- You must be seeking a degree in Library Science or Education

Applications for the Library Ambassador Scholarship program are now open! **Please use the link below to submit your application by July 1<sup>st</sup>.**

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### ***Who can apply for the Library Ambassador Program?***

Metropolis area youth, grades 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, who have an interest in library science or a degree in education are encouraged to apply!

### ***How do I apply?***

Applications will be announced each calendar year as openings occur. If you are unable to apply online or need additional support, contact us at [library@metropolisil.gov](mailto:library@metropolisil.gov).

### ***When do I volunteer as a Library Ambassador?***

The ambassador program operates September through July of each year. Ambassadors must complete at least 36 hours of service with the library, with 10 of those hours during the the Summer Reading Program and volunteering up to 26 hours throughout the year.

Library Ambassadors that are new to the program must attend a mandatory orientation at the beginning of their service where they receive coaching/training, customer service skills, and other strategies appropriate to library programming.

### ***I have other commitments during the summer. Can I still apply for the Library Ambassador Program?***

The Library Ambassador activities are primarily scheduled between 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on weekdays, with some possible Saturday events.

