

HELEN CLINE ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP

The Friends of the Hennessey Library gives the Helen Cline Academic Scholarship to a deserving student volunteer at the Hennessey Public Library.

I. HISTORY OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

The Helen Cline Academic Scholarship was established in February 2012 in honor of long-time Library supporter and Friends of the Hennessey Library founder Helen Cline. An educator and a library professional, Ms. Cline represented the standard of service and leadership by which student volunteers should want to follow.

The scholarship is partially funded by the family of Helen Cline as well as private donations. Originally the scholarship was \$250 per student, but following Ms. Cline's death in October 2019, many people donated to FOL in lieu of flowers, and the FOL voted in February 2020 to raise the scholarship to \$500 per student.

II. SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

Potential scholarship recipients must meet the following criteria to be eligible to receive the Helen Cline Academic Scholarship:

1. Must be a graduating senior who attends school within 30 miles of the Hennessey Public Library, whether it be Hennessey High School, Dover High School, or homeschooled. GED applicants may be considered at the discretion of FOL and HPL Library Director.
2. Must be an active youth volunteer at the Hennessey Public Library who has served a minimum of 150 hours total. Hours can be accumulated over several years or during the student's senior year.
3. Must be enrolling in an accredited college, university, or vocational program that fall.
4. Must write a one-page double-spaced essay on how being a youth volunteer at the Hennessey Public Library has impacted him/her or helped prepare the student for his/her future career.

Completed applications must be typed or printed clearly and submitted to the Hennessey Public Library's Library Director for verification he/she has been an active youth volunteer at the library. Eligible applications will then be referred to the Friends of the Hennessey Library for review.

Applications are due no later than April 1—preferably by February 1—of the year the student is graduating from high school. FOL will award the scholarship to one recipient (provided there are eligible applicants) at the May general membership meeting that year.

This \$500 scholarship is to be used toward any college or vo-tech expenses. The recipient must show proof of enrollment to FOL after accepting the award in order to receive the check.

III. PAST RECIPIENTS

2013—Eli Vaverka (Northern Oklahoma College) and Danielle Vogt (Oklahoma State University)

2016—Kalie Choate (Southwestern Oklahoma State University)

2020—Mercedes Beebe (Autry Technology Center)

HELEN CLINE ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____

Home address _____

Cell phone _____ Email _____

Parental Contact (Name and cell phone) _____

High School _____ Graduation Date _____

Volunteer experience (including at Hennessey Public Library) _____

College applied to _____

Accepted (circle one) Yes No

Beginning Date _____

Major or Career Field _____

Other scholarships and grants that you have applied for and/or received _____

Signature _____

Date _____