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Hannah Harwood Fund Scholarship Applications Available

Oxford, MA- The Oxford Board of Selectmen announce the availability of Hannah Harwood Fund Scholarship applications. The Hannah Harwood Fund Scholarship provides aid to Oxford students pursuing degrees in medicine and allied health fields. The Fund was established through the 1902 will of Charles Harwood in memory of his late mother, Hannah.

Beginning January 2024, applications are available at the Board of Selectmen Office, 325 Main Street, Oxford, MA, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Wednesdays 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Fridays 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Application materials will also be available on the Town's website at <https://www.oxfordma.us/board-selectmen>. Submissions are due in the Selectmen's Office this year on Monday, April 1, 2024, by 4 p.m.

The Board of Selectmen will select the recipient of the scholarship. To qualify for the scholarship, the student must be a resident of Oxford and entering their undergraduate freshman year, enrolled in the field of medicine or allied health. Economic need and grade point average or class rank will be considered in the decision. For more information see the complete policy which is contained within the application.

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Hannah Harwood Fund Scholarship Policy

In January of each year, the Selectman's Office shall notify all high schools, both public and private, that are known to be attended by Oxford residents (Oxford High School, Bay Path Regional Vocation School, etc.) and post notification on all of the Town's cable, internet and social media outlets, of the availability of the Hannah Harwood Fund Scholarship. Applications may be picked up in the Selectmen's Office or obtained on the Town Website and are due back to the Selectmen's Office by April 1st.

The annual allotment of up to \$1,200.00 shall be divided in half and paid to the winning applicant, who has chosen to enter the field of medicine or some allied health field. The first payment of up to \$600.00 shall be paid directly to the student, prior to the commencement of their first semester of undergraduate education, after the student has provided intent to matriculate full-time to a college of their choice. The second payment of up to \$600.00 shall be paid, directly to the student, during the second semester, provided that the student is still attending an undergraduate school in the field of medicine or some allied health, with an acceptable grade point average of at least a 3.0. A copy of the student's grades shall be provided as proof therefore.

Any sum that remains in an award from which a student failed to qualify shall be returned to the original corpus of the fund, not to be reallocated, but rather used to generate additional future income; the Board reserves the right to adjust the distribution amounts should the earnings potential become more beneficial to the corpus.

The Selectmen shall choose a student based upon the following criteria:

1. Oxford Resident – proof of residency (Driver's License or approved MA ID with address)
2. Economic Need – documented by a copy of a Free Application for Student Aid (FAFSA) with personal protected information redacted.
3. Grade point average or Class Rank – proof by providing grades / transcript
4. Matriculated in an Allied Health Field – college letter of acceptance and confirmation of attendance
5. Awardee must be entering freshmen year of undergraduate education

Once the applications have been received by the Selectmen's Office, all identifying information of the applications shall be redacted prior to the application packets being distributed to the Selectmen in order to allow for an unbiased award.

Should no applicants meet the above referenced criteria, the Board of Selectmen reserves the right to award the scholarship to the most appropriate candidate. However, the candidate must, at the very least, be matriculated in an Allied Health Field per the confines of the Hannah Harwood Fund stipulations. Alternatively, should no applicant qualify for the award, the Board of Selectmen also reserves the right to forgo choosing an awardee and allow the monies to remain within the fund for future years.

Each year, prior to opening the application period, the Board of Selectmen, in conjunction with the Treasurer's Office, will determine if the total award amount needs to be adapted based on available funds. The agreed upon amount shall be the amount advertised in the scholarship.

The Selectmen reserve the right to amend this policy at any time for any reason.

Oxford Board of Selectmen Policy #1900

Adopted: By unanimous vote of the Board 1.20.2021

HANNAH HARWOOD FUND SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

(Please answer all questions. If additional space is needed, please attach another page.)

NAME: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

NAME OF PARENT/GUARDIAN: _____

ADDRESS: _____

OCCUPATION: _____ EMPLOYER: _____

NAME OF PARENT/GUARDIAN: _____

ADDRESS: _____

OCCUPATION: _____ EMPLOYER: _____

OTHER DEPENDENT FAMILY MEMBERS AND AGES:

LIST YOUR INTERESTS AND HOBBIES:

LIST SCHOOL ACTIVITIES, SUCH AS ATHLETICS, ORGANIZATIONS, OFFICES HELD, ETC.:

PLEASE NOTE ANY COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES, SUCH AS RELIGIOUS OR OTHER GROUPS:

EMPLOYMENT

<u>NAME OF EMPLOYER</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>WAGES</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

WHAT PROGRAM OF STUDY DO YOU PLAN TO BE OR ARE ENROLLED IN?

WHAT COLLEGE OR DIPLOMA SCHOOL DO YOU PLAN TO ATTEND OR ARE CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN? _____

ESTIMATE YOUR RESOURCES AND EXPENSES FOR THE NEXT YEAR BELOW

RESOURCES:

Family Contribution _____
Other private funding _____
Personal savings _____
College earnings/Work study _____
Scholarships _____
Financial Aid _____

EXPENSES:

Tuition _____
Fees _____
Room and board _____
Other (itemize) _____

TOTAL \$ _____

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Please write a statement which outlines your career ambitions and goals, and explains why you feel you should be considered for this scholarship:

Student signature: _____ Date: _____

Committee use only: _____ Date received: _____
Action taken: _____
Comments: _____

