

Friends of the Cherryvale Public Library Annual Scholarship Essay Contest “The Importance of Education and the Role Libraries Play”

Scholarship Award: \$100

Eligibility: The contest is open to all currently enrolled students of Cherryvale High School planning to enroll in secondary education in the fall of 2017.

Contest Deadline: Monday, April 17, 2017 at 6:00p.m.

Rules

- The essay must be original and neither previously submitted, published nor secured by copyright.
- The essay must be no less than 500 and no more than 750 words in length.
- A type written double-spaced copy must be submitted to the Friends of the Cherryvale Public Library by dropping it off prior to the deadline at the Cherryvale Public Library.
- The following information for the contestant must appear on a top page in this manner.

Title: _____

An Essay by: _____

Home Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____

Contest Name: Friends of the Cherryvale Library Annual Scholarship Essay

- The actual essay and its title should start also on the second page, but no name or personal information should be on the essay pages and this includes in the body of the essay.
- The essay must present an adequate treatment of the theme, **“The Importance of Education and the Role Libraries Play.”**

Rating Criteria for Essays

1. Development of Topic: (15 possible points) Topic is well developed (covers and develops major points, supplying enough information for understanding)
2. Progression: (10 possible points) Composition progresses from beginning to end in a logical flow of information
3. Readability: (10 possible points) Concise prose that sticks to the point and does not ramble (holds reader’s attention)
4. Grammar and spelling: (10 possible points) Agreement of subject and verb; proper tense; correct sentence construction; paragraphing, including transitional phrases linking same
5. Punctuation: (5 possible points)

Persons submitting manuscripts thereby grant the Friends of the Cherryvale Library the right to keep the manuscripts and to exercise full publishing rights to them. Awards will be announced on or about May 3, 2017. The decision of the judges will be final.

The Friends of the Cherryvale Public Library will submit payment of the award to the institution of higher learning on behalf of the winner, after written verification of enrollment is received at the library. Actual enrollment (not just acceptance) is required. Awards must be claimed within 18 months after the announcement to be valid.