



# Caroline M. Hewins Scholarship

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## 2026 Scholarship Application

### APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name in Full

Date

Present Address

Permanent Address (if applicable)

Email Address

Phone

### EDUCATION AND TRAINING

	Name of School	Location	Degree Awarded	Year
College				
College				
College				
Library School				
Other				

### LIBRARY WORK EXPERIENCE

*May include paid and volunteer positions.*

Library Name	Location	Position	Year(s)

## ESSAY QUESTIONS

*Please respond to each of the following questions on a separate sheet of paper. Responses should reflect your individual experiences, values, and professional goals. There is no required word count, but we encourage thoughtful, focused answers.*

1. Please discuss your professional goals and objectives. How does this scholarship opportunity fit into your career goals?
2. What do you see as the most important role of the children's librarian in the 21st century, and how do you plan to embody that role in your own career?
3. Describe a program or initiative you would create or champion in a children's library. What need would it address — whether related to STEM, literacy, arts, or another area — and how would you measure its success?
4. Caroline Hewins was a pioneer who shaped children's librarianship nationally from a local library. What inspires you about her legacy, and how do you hope to carry it forward in your own work?

## REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

*In addition to this application, please include the following items in your submission:*

1. Transcript of undergraduate college work through senior year (may be sent under separate cover; unofficial transcripts are acceptable)
2. Proof of acceptance into an ALA-accredited library school — acceptance letter or transcripts (may be sent under separate cover)
3. Current résumé
4. Two letters of recommendation from someone who can attest to your interest and ability in the library field and/or working with youth (may be sent under separate cover)

### Submission Deadline & Instructions

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All elements of the application must be postmarked by **September 1, 2026** in order to be considered. Please **mail only** — do not fax or email. Send all materials to:

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