

2026 Carla R. Dills Memorial Scholarship

Information Sheet

Sponsored by the Friends of the Woodford County Library

Background: Carla Dills began work at the Woodford County Library in 1991 and served as Assistant Director starting in 1998. During that time, she cataloged books, answered reference questions, keenly remembered what hundreds of patrons enjoyed reading, and performed many other tasks that helped the library run smoothly. Carla was deeply passionate about the library, about books, and about encouraging others in the community to learn. She went out of her way to show kindness and to assist others in need.

Carla also had a lifelong love for the theatre. She had long served on the Board of Directors and as a volunteer for the Woodford County Theatrical Arts Association. Carla's memory will live on through the lives she touched. The Carla R. Dills Memorial Scholarship embodies her kindness and passion for lifelong learning.

Eligibility: Any Woodford County resident who is a graduating senior and is planning on continuing their education may apply for the Carla R. Dills Memorial Scholarship.

Scholarship Criteria:

1. Letter of Recommendation
2. Official High School Transcript
3. Proof of Woodford County residency
4. Completed Scholarship Application

Application Submission Process: Applications must be typed and emailed or postmarked by Friday, April 1, 2026. (Handwritten entries will not be accepted.) You can apply online through the WCHS Student Hub or submit your completed application to Woodford County High School counselor's office.

The selection committee of the Friends of the Woodford County Library Board of Directors will review all completed applications. The recipients will be notified the week of April 27th. The Carla R. Dills Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to two recipients in the amount of \$1,000 each at the Senior Awards celebration in May. This scholarship is non-renewable.

The Friends of the Woodford County Library do not discriminate against any person for any reason, including, but not limited to, the following: disability, race, color, religion, national origin, or gender.

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Name:

Phone:

Address:

College: What college or university do you plan to attend and what will be your major?

Goals or future plans: What career or vocation do you plan to pursue?

Meaningful activities: select up to three of these options. Explain why your involvement in them is significant to you: school activities, honors, awards, clubs, offices held, service to community, or other events in which you have participated over the past 4 years.

Patronage of Woodford County Library: Please explain in detail your involvement and/or usage of the Woodford County Library, Versailles or Midway Branch (e.g., reading, reference, or technology usage; special events or programs; Teen Advisory Group participation; History Room, etc.).

Fiction or Nonfiction reading: Which fiction or nonfiction book has influenced you the most, and why?

Scholarship impact: How do you think receiving this scholarship would affect your life?