



Friends of the Library in Pelham (FLIP)

Catherine Somma Memorial Scholarship

Scholarship Guidelines 2026

The Undergraduate Scholarship is open to any high school senior residing in the town of Pelham NH for at least the past 12 (consecutive) months. They must be enrolled in the Pelham public school system, an accredited private school, or may be homeschooled adhering to NH Homeschool guidelines to be eligible.

- The applicant must be planning to attend a college, university, or vocational school in the fall of 2026.
- The applicant may not be: a dependent of a Friend of the Library in Pelham Executive Board member; a dependent to a staff member or Trustee of the Pelham Public Library, or an employee of the Pelham Public Library.
- APPLICATIONS MUST BE COMPLETE. Incomplete forms will not be considered. Please submit a **one-page essay**, using a **12-point maximum font**, describing what specific impact access to the Pelham Public Library (or other high school, college, or community library) has had on your educational & personal achievements. Essays must be **typed** and attached to the application.

PLEASE NOTE:

if the above guidelines are not adhered to, the application will be disqualified.

- There will be ONE (1) scholarship awarded in the sum of \$1000.00
- Deadline for receipt of application: **April 15, 2026, 5:00 p.m.**
- **The decision of the Scholarship Selection Committee is final.**
- The scholarship will be presented to the recipient during the Pelham High School Awards Night. If the recipient is a homeschooled Pelham resident, or attends a private school, they will receive their Scholarship Award via USPS mail.
- The Pelham Public Library, its employees, and members of the Friends of the Library (FLIP) are not responsible for late or misdirected mail.
- Completed applications may be delivered in person and directly handed to the front desk staff member to be placed in the Friends' mailbox at the Pelham Public Library, OR may be mailed to:

Friends of the Library in Pelham
Attn: Scholarship Committee 2026
24 Village Green
Pelham NH 03076