



P. Buckley Moss Foundation

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Anne & Matt Harbison Scholarship

Applications due March 31.

The Anne and Matt Harbison Scholarship is a \$1,500 scholarship awarded annually to one high school senior with a certified language-related learning difference who is entering a formal degree program. Certificate programs do not qualify. It is potentially renewable for up to three additional, consecutive years.

This scholarship focuses on students with language-related learning differences. Disabilities in specific language processing, including but not limited to dyslexia, written expression, reading comprehension, central auditory processing, visual perception, word recognition, and sequencing. Verification of such diagnosis must be provided by a case manager or counselor. Deaf and blind students are not eligible for this scholarship. Students with A.D.D. or A.D.H.D. along are not eligible. This focus helps in being able to assess the student's disabilities and how they have dealt with them.

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Scholarship Background

In keeping with the goals of P. Buckley Moss, who struggled with dyslexia during her school years, this grant represents the artist's dedication to the field of special education.

This scholarship was created in 1997 by the P. Buckley Moss Society and first awarded in 1998. It is named to honor the P. Buckley Moss Society's first president, Anne Harbison, and her husband, Matt, the first treasurer. The Harbisons were instrumental in founding the Society. As a school counselor, Anne understood firsthand the challenges faced by students with learning disabilities.

Students with a learning difference often graduate from high school with no recognition of their hard work and perseverance toward achieving their academic, technical, or artistic goals. When a student does attain and surpass expectations, there is often no extrinsic reward or incentive. The Anne and Matt Harbison Scholarship is intended to help fill that void.

Nominations for all P. Buckley Moss Scholarships can be made only by members of the P. Buckley Moss Society and applications are not valid without a nomination by a Society member.

All information provided by a nominee will be confidential.

The selection committee(s) reserves the right not to award any scholarship in a year when a suitable candidate is not nominated. In that case, the funds for the scholarship for that year can be carried over and applied to a scholarship awarded in the following year.

Applications must be postmarked no later than March 31, and all materials for each applicant must be included in one mailing. Applications are to be sent to the P. Buckley Moss Foundation's office.

Application Requirements

- Nomination by a P. Buckley Moss Society member (brief letter from nominator stating relationship is optional). Please list only one nominator.
- Verification of a language-related learning disability. Provide a letter (maximum two pages) from your case manager or counselor which details diagnostic information and progress. Do not send an Individualized Education Plan (IEP).
- High school transcript.
- Two letters of recommendation, one from a faculty member at your school and the other from someone who knows you outside of the school setting (not from a relative).
- Essay responses to the following four questions (be specific and convincing):
 1. Select three words that best describe you and provide evidence and examples of these qualities.
 2. Explain your specific learning disability, how it has challenged you, specific strategies you have used to cope, and the effects it has had on your life.
 3. Discuss your accomplishments in extra-curricular, community, work, church interests. Then focus on the one that's of most importance to you, explain how you became involved in it, and tell how this involvement has affected you.
 4. What are your plans for next year? What career do you hope to pursue? How would this award benefit you?

P. Buckley Moss – Anne and Matt Harbison Scholarship Application Form

Applicant's Name: _____ Date: _____

Address, city, state, zip: _____

Telephone: () _____ E-Mail: _____

Name and Complete Address of High School: _____

Name of Guidance Counselor: _____

Type of learning disability you have:

Printed name and signature of P. Buckley Moss Society member making nomination:

_____ Membership #: _____

(If you have questions about nominations or other criteria, please contact us.)

IMPORTANT: Please submit this completed **application form** along with the below items in the **order listed**. We will be photocopying these items for the selection committee, so please **don't staple or bind** the items together and please don't submit items **printed on both the front and back** of the paper.

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