



**P. BUCKLEY MOSS SOCIETY
ANNE & MATT HARBISON
SCHOLARSHIP**

- \$1,500 scholarship to one high school senior with a certified language-related learning difference who is pursuing post-secondary education
- Renewable for up to three additional, consecutive years

All materials for each applicant must be included in one mailing to:

**Anne & Matt Harbison Scholarship
P. Buckley Moss Society
20 Stoneridge Drive, Suite 102
Waynesboro, VA 22980**

Applications must be postmarked
no later than **March 31**.

For further information, contact the Society at:

Telephone: 540-943-5678 • Fax: 540-949-8408
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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.

Students with a learning disability 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 P. Buckley Moss Society — Anne and Matt Harbison Scholarship is intended to help fill that void.

The award is named to honor the 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.

Beginning with the 2003 award, only applicants with a language-related learning disability will be eligible.

Nominations for the Anne and Matt Harbison Scholarship can be made only by members of the P. Buckley Moss Society.

The P. Buckley Moss Society reserves the right not to award the 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.

All information will be confidential.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- ◆ Nomination by a P. Buckley Moss Society member (brief letter from nominator stating relationship is optional).
- ◆ 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 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?

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Applicant's Name: _____ Date: _____

Address, city, state, zip: _____

Telephone Number: (____) _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Name and Complete Address of High School: _____

Name of Guidance Counselor: _____

Type of learning disability you have:

Name of P. Buckley Moss Society member making nomination (**Application void without this information**):
_____ Membership Number: _____

Signature of Society member making nomination: _____
(If you have questions about nominations or other criteria, please contact the Society office.)

To this application form, attach the following items IN THIS ORDER:

1. Letter from case manager/counselor verifying learning disability (two-page maximum. **DO NOT SEND IEP.**)
2. Copy of high school transcript.
3. Recommendation from faculty member.
4. Recommendation from person outside school setting (no relatives please).
5. Essay responses to the four questions posed on the back of this application. The judges will be basing much of their decision on how specific and complete the responses are.

Application packets must be postmarked no later than March 31.