



CLAIRE ALLEN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION GRADES K-12

Dear Applicant,

The Rochester Area Literacy Council (RALC) is a professional organization whose members are dedicated to promoting and enhancing literacy education through professional development and community service. For the last several years we have supported student writers. For example, we publish student work through our Publishing Project and we offer writing workshops for students and teachers.

We believe that writing is both a process and a product – a means to express/communicate ones' thinking. By experiencing opportunities to explore the tools and strategies of written expression, student writers can grow and thrive. Claire Allen was an excellent example of one such student writer. During the years we knew Claire as a student writer, we were able to share her journey of expressing thoughts and ideas through the written word. It is a great honor to celebrate her memory by offering this scholarship to support other young writers.

This scholarship will be a Writers and Books (Rochester, NY) gift certificate for the cost of registration for one course (\$126 for half day sessions; \$252 for full day; additional costs would be at the expense of the applicant). Students interested in applying should complete the form below following the provided application timeline.

Two requirements must be met for a candidate to receive this scholarship.

1. A parent/adult must give permission for the student to apply and therefore guarantee the student has transportation to and from the Writers and Books course (as noted in the signature section of the application form).
2. The scholarship recipient must share what was learned through the Writers and Books course with the RALC Executive Board within six months of the end of the course. This can take many forms – presenting at a Board meeting, presenting at a Student Writers workshop, submitting a written summary to be posted on the RALC website, etc.

We look forward to learning more about your writing aspirations in the attached application. Good luck!

Sincerely,

Claire Allen Scholarship Committee

Sub-group of the Rochester Area Literacy Council



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| First name | | Last name | |
| Address | | | |
| Email (contact) | | | |
| Phone # | | Grade Level | |
| <p>Why are you interested in this scholarship? Please include in your answer details that help us know what makes you a good candidate for this scholarship. You might consider including how long you have been writing and/or any examples of work you have had published.</p> | | | |
| <p>Who are the people that currently support your writing and what do they do to support you?</p> | | | |
| <p>What course or courses would you consider attending?</p> | | | |
| <p>What are your goals as a result of attending a course at Writers and Books? How do you plan to use what you learn?</p> | | | |
| Adult sponsorship | <p>Please ask an adult to sign below. Their signature indicates that they are supporting your scholarship application and they will insure that you have transportation to attend the course you select at Writers and Books.</p> | | |
| Signature here → | | | |

Application Timeline

There are 2 times when an application can be submitted

- For the February and April Recess workshop options
- For Summer Sessions

| Application Due Date | Application Review Period | Application Notification |
|---------------------------|--|--------------------------|
| December 15 th | December 16 th -30 th | Second week in January |
| March 15 th | March 16 th -March 30 th | Second week of April |

Committee Criteria

The Claire Allen Scholarship Committee will use the following criteria to select applicant recipients:

- Written response shows a clear passion for writing and the student's understanding about writing (in line with their age level)
- Written response aligns/connects the students' goals to the opportunities at Writers and Books
- Written response reflects the level of commitment on the part of the student and/or adult to follow through on the scholarship

Questions

If you have questions regarding the application process, please contact Christine Treasure at 585-233-5133 or christine_treasure@bcasd.org.