

MARTHA FAIRCHILD SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Martha Fairchild Scholarship Fund provides an annual scholarship award to a New Fairfield resident or employee who has contributed to the betterment of the community through volunteer service and who is presently admitted and enrolled in a program leading to a degree in a field which promotes reading (i.e. library science or teaching).

Friends of Martha Fairchild, New Fairfield's long-time librarian, established the scholarship in 1995. Mrs. Fairchild, a lifelong resident served as a teacher, volunteer and librarian for more than 40 years. The scholarship endeavors to promote the ideals of service to the community and the importance of reading in our private, family and professional lives, which were the objectives of her life's work.

AWARD

- ◆ \$1000 one-time award
- ◆ Name placed on a permanent plaque in the New Fairfield Free Public Library.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- ◆ Resident of New Fairfield or an employee of the town of New Fairfield
- ◆ Ability to demonstrate involvement in volunteer service to the community of New Fairfield
- ◆ Enrollment in a college program (full or part-time) leading to a Master's degree in Library Science or a Bachelor's degree in library science or education.
- ◆ Must be in good academic standing; current students must maintain an overall 3.0 GPA
- ◆ Scholarship is need-blind. Candidates do not have to demonstrate financial need.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

- ◆ Complete application forms are available in the New Fairfield High School or the New Fairfield Free Public Library.
- ◆ Essay (1-3 pages) defining your volunteer service work and explaining how it has contributed to the betterment of New Fairfield
- ◆ **NFHS Students** submit application by **Thursday, April 30, 2026** to the Guidance Office with **Martha Fairchild Library Scholarship** clearly marked on the envelope
- ◆ **Candidates from the community** should submit their applications to the New Fairfield Free Public Library Attn: Martha Fairchild Scholarship, 2 Brush Hill Road, New Fairfield CT, 06812 by **Thursday, April 30, 2026**.

SELECTION

A committee from NFFPL Board of Trustees will select the recipient from the NFHS and community candidates.

The Award will be presented at the July meeting of the Library Board or at the NFHS Scholar's Night if recipient is a NFHS student.

Questions contact

Linda Fox, Library Director 312- 5679 lfox@newfairfieldlibrary.org

Martha Fairchild Scholarship Application Form

Please complete and return this application to the Library Director, New Fairfield Free Public Library, 2 Brush Hill Road, New Fairfield, CT 06812. Please include with it a one to three page typed narrative identifying your volunteer service work and how it benefited New Fairfield.

1. Name _____

2. Address

3. Phone Number: (day) _____ (evening) _____

4. Educational/Vocational Plans _____

5. Are you currently enrolled in school? _____ If yes,

School: _____ G.P.A.: _____

Month and year of Graduation? _____

6. What school or college do you plan to attend? _____
_____ Location: _____

7. Have you been admitted? _____

8. What is your intended major or field of study? _____

9. Degree or certification you will receive: _____

_____ Expected date: _____

Applicant's signature _____ Date _____