

## **Manatee Community Foundation**

The Manatee Community Foundation was established in 1998 as a very different non-profit charitable organization that provides the opportunity for individuals to create low-cost permanent charitable funds, the income of which can respond to needs in all areas: arts and culture, education (both public and private), the environment, health care, and human services. Further information may be obtained by contacting the Manatee Community Foundation at (941)74-7765.

### **Friends of the South Manatee Library Scholarship Fund**

This fund was created in 1999 by the Friends of the South Manatee Library, Inc., to provide scholarships to individuals residing or working in Manatee County who wish to pursue a career in public library service.

### **SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION**

**Scholarship Focus:** Financial assistance to an individual(s) pursuing an *accredited graduate library science degree*.

**Scholarship Amount:** Each scholarship will be in the amount of \$2,000.00 maximum, for tuition only. Payment will be forwarded by the Foundation directly to the University for distribution. *The scholarship may renewable at the discretion of the "Friends" Scholarship Committee of South Manatee Branch Library.*

**Selection Criteria:** Scholarship applicants must be –

1. Interested in and working toward a career in public library service.
2. An applicant for, or already enrolled in, an accredited masters library science degree program.
3. Permanent residence or working in Manatee or Sarasota County.
4. A citizen of the United States.

**Applications Forms:** Are available at the following locations –

Manatee Community Foundation  
3103 Manatee Avenue West  
Bradenton, FL 34205  
Phone: (941)747-7765

South Manatee Branch Library  
6081 26<sup>th</sup> Street West  
Bradenton, FL 34207  
Phone: (941)755-3892

**Application Deadline:** Completed applications forms must be returned or postmarked by July 15<sup>th</sup> to the Manatee Community Foundation office. Applications MAY NOT be faxed or e-mailed.

**Recipient Selection:** Scholarship recipients will be selected by the Friends of the South Manatee Library *Selection Committee* based on the criteria stated above and a personal interview. Preference may be given to an applicant from the coverage area of the Manatee County South Branch Library. In the event that there are no qualified applicants from Manatee County consideration will be given to a Sarasota resident, otherwise the scholarship will not be awarded that year.

**Scholarship Award Notification:** All applicants are notified in writing whether or not they received an award. The recipient(s) of the scholarship(s) will be announced and invited to attend a special meeting of the Friends of the South Manatee Library during October.

**FRIENDS OF THE SOUTH MANATEE LIBRARY SCHOLARSHIP FUND**  
**LIBRARY SCIENCE DEGREE**

**Scholarship Application Form**

*(Print clearly using black ink or type. Typed inserts may used where more space is needed or this document may be scanned or reproduced.)*

**Personal Information**

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Work Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Social Security Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Educational History**

**High School** \_\_\_\_\_ **Year graduated** \_\_\_\_\_

**College** \_\_\_\_\_ **From** \_\_\_\_\_ **To** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Major** \_\_\_\_\_ **Minor** \_\_\_\_\_

**Degree** \_\_\_\_\_ **Year received** \_\_\_\_\_

**Graduate Work** \_\_\_\_\_ **From** \_\_\_\_\_ **To** \_\_\_\_\_

**Other** \_\_\_\_\_

**Career Objectives**

Have you been officially accepted into an accredited graduate library science program?

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If yes, please attach written verification from the school.

**Name of College** \_\_\_\_\_

Degree to be obtained \_\_\_\_\_ Date to be completed \_\_\_\_\_

**Community Involvement**

Describe your community involvement, such as membership in professional, religious or volunteer organizations along with duties, offices and length of service.

**Employment History**

Are you presently employed \_\_\_\_\_ If so, where \_\_\_\_\_

Work Address \_\_\_\_\_

Previous employment \_\_\_\_\_

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**Goals**

Describe your educational, professional and personal goals, both short and long range. Include how your course of study will help you attain these goals.

**Reasons for applying for this scholarship:**

**References:**

Please attach *two* letters of reference. One from the community, and one from your current school or work situation. (You are encouraged to select a school or college instructor or counselor, an employer or job supervisor as a reference; someone who knows you well and is in a position to evaluate you according to the criteria given.) References may not be family members.

**Attachment checklist:**

- Undergraduate transcript
- University letter of acceptance into a graduate library science program
- Two letters of reference

**I hereby certify that the statements given in this application are true.**

**Signed** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_