



2025-2026 First Literacy Scholarship Application

Questions for Reference only

SECTION 1

1. First Name and Last Name
2. What is your date of birth?
3. Are you a Boston resident?
4. Your Address
5. Your Phone Number (mobile)
6. Your Email
7. How do you prefer to be contacted?
8. What is your ethnicity?
9. What is your country of origin?
10. Do you speak a language other than English at home?
11. If you answered "yes", what other language(s) do you speak at home?
12. Are you a single parent? "Single parent" means that you are responsible for the care of a child, or children, and that the other parent does not live with you.

SECTION 2

1. Name of your ABE (Adult Basic Education) program
2. Type of ABE studies completed
3. When did you begin this ABE program?
4. When did you complete this ABE program?
5. Your college student ID number
6. What is your field of study?
7. What is your current educational goal?
8. On what date will you begin classes?
9. Please list the courses you plan to take in the 2025-2026 school year.

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SECTION 3

1. What will your tuition be for the 2025-2026 school year?
2. What do you estimate for the cost of school or lab fees, books, and other supplies for the 2025-2026 school year?
3. Please list the first additional scholarship or financial aid that you will or may receive
4. Amount of aid
5. Please list the second additional scholarship or financial aid that you will or may receive
6. Amount of aid
7. What is your annual income?
8. Is this your individual income or your total family income?

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Acceptance letter (**for new scholarship applicants**), spring 2025 transcripts (**for continuing scholarship applicants**). Please email your spring 2025 transcripts to Annie Sferrazza at asferrazza@firstliteracy.org. Unofficial transcripts are accepted, but no screenshots. Transcripts, letters of recommendation, and personal statement must be emailed to Annie Sferrazza at asferrazza@firstliteracy.org.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

TWO letters of recommendation are required for **new scholarship applicants**. At least one of these letters must be from a staff member at the ABE program you have just completed (for example, one of your teachers, an advisor, or administrator).

ONE letter of recommendation is required for **continuing scholarship applicants**. Your letter of recommendation from a current teacher or professor is required.

Letters of recommendation must include: relationship to letter writer, First Name, Last Name, email.

PERSONAL ESSAY

Please tell us about yourself in a brief one-page essay using 12-point type and 1.5 spacing.

New Scholarship Applicants please include:

1. Your personal background,
2. Your educational achievements,
3. Your educational and career goals
4. How you may have persevered in the face of hardship, and
5. How you serve as a role model for your family, peers, or community.

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Continuing Scholarship Applicants please include:

1. Your personal background, 2. Your educational achievements, 3. Your educational and career goals, 4. How you may have persevered in the face of hardship, and 5. How you serve as a role model for your family, peers, or community. We understand you wrote a personal essay for us in the past. Please tell us about your own story briefly and include

(1) what you've learned about being a student (2) How First Literacy's support has helped you