



2026-2027 First Literacy Scholarship Application for New Applicants

Questions for Reference only

SECTION 1

1. First Name and Last Name
2. Gender
3. What is your date of birth?
4. Do you live in the City of Boston (This includes Boston, East Boston, Charlestown, Dorchester, Mattapan, Jamaica Plain, Hyde Park, Roslindale, Roxbury, West Roxbury, Allston, and Brighton)?
Please note: If you do not live in Boston, you will not be awarded a scholarship this year.
5. Your Address
6. Your Phone Number (mobile)
7. Your Email
8. What country were you born in?
9. What is your ethnicity?
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 the ABE (Adult Basic Education) or ESOL organization and program nominating you.
2. Location of the ABE or ESOL organization nominating you.
3. Name of teacher, advisor, or staff member nominating you.
4. Type of ABE or ESOL studies completed.
5. When did you begin this ABE or ESOL program?
6. When did you complete this ABE or ESOL program?

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7. Do you have a college degree from another country?
8. If you have a degree from another country, please list the degree you received it, the name of the school you received it from, and the country in which the degree was received.
9. What is your current educational goal?
10. What college or vocational program will you attend in the Fall 2026?
11. What is your college ID number?
12. What do you plan on studying or majoring in?
13. Have you started taking classes at the college or vocational program already?
14. If you haven't started classes already, on what approximate date will you begin classes?
15. How many classes would you like to take in the Fall 2026 semester?
16. How many classes would you like to take in the Spring 2027 semester?
17. Please list the courses you plan to take in the 2026-2027 school year.

SECTION 3

1. What will your tuition be for the 2026-2027 school year based on the number of courses you plan on taking?
2. What do you estimate for the cost of school or lab fees, books, and other supplies for the 2026-2027 school year?
3. Have you filled out the MAFFSA or FAFSA?
4. Have you applied for any other scholarships?
5. Do you plan on receiving any scholarships or financial aid from your school or another organization?
6. Please list the first scholarship or financial aid that you will or may receive from your school or other organization.
7. Amount of aid you might receive
8. Please list the second additional scholarship or financial aid that you will or may receive from your school or other organization.
9. Amount of aid you might receive.
10. Are you currently working?
11. If you are currently working, how many hours do you work per week?
12. Does your work schedule change weekly or monthly?
13. Do you currently have health insurance?
14. What is your total individual yearly income?
15. What is your total family (those living with you) yearly income?

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16. Please provide any additional information as to why you are in financial need of this scholarship. We may follow up with you if we need additional information to provide you with a scholarship.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Please upload your college or vocational acceptance letter.

If you have already started classes, please upload your most recent transcript.

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 or ESOL program that is nominating you (for example, one of your teachers, an advisor, or administrator). The other letter of recommendation can be from another staff member, employer, etc.

Letters of recommendation must include:

- Relationship to letter writer
- First Name
- Last Name
- Phone number
- 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:

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