

# 2026 College Scholarship Competition



For the twentieth consecutive year, the Albert Wisner Public Library Foundation is offering college scholarships to be awarded in a writing competition. Applicants will submit an essay, not to exceed 2,000 words in length, on the following topic: ***How does technology change our relationship with reading? Explain your response with specifics.***

Submissions will be judged based on responsiveness to the topic, overall literacy and grammatical accuracy, and other criteria as the judges think appropriate. Authors of the three essays judged to be the best of those submitted each will receive \$2,500 toward the cost of college tuition.

Any high school senior who resides in the Warwick Valley Central School District and expects to graduate in 2026 is welcome to participate, regardless of where they attend school - home-schooled students included.

## **Please note the following firm guidelines:**

- Essay must not include any details that reveal the writer's identity. The judges consider all essays without knowing the author.
- Essay is due on Friday, April 10, 2026 by 5:00pm, submitted as an email attachment to: [awplscholarship@gmail.com](mailto:awplscholarship@gmail.com). Please submit the essay from a non-WVCSD email address, and please provide a contact phone number. Late essays will not be judged.
- Essay must be written with proper grammar and punctuation. The essay must also answer the topic question. Any essay using AI or plagiarism will not be considered.

The three scholarships will be awarded in May 2026. Library benefactors Glenn P. and Susan D. Dickes have sponsored the scholarships since the competition's inception in 2007. A third scholarship is sponsored by a Warwick resident who wishes to remain anonymous. Both the Foundation and Library deeply appreciate their generosity.