**Friends of the Ida Branch Library Scholarship Application Requirements**

The deadline for receiving applications is **Friday, April 30, 2021**. The application may be returned to the Ida High School Guidance Department or the Ida Branch Library, 3016 Lewis Ave., Ida, Michigan 48140 during regular business hours.

The applicant must:

* Live within the Ida School District or attend Ida High School
* Have an **active*\**** Monroe County Library System library card
* Have a minimum 2.0 GPA
* Be a high school senior
* Attend college or institution of higher learning in the 2021-2022 school year

The application will contain:

* Name
* Address
* Phone Number
* Email
* A 250 – 500 word essay in 12 pt. Times New Roman, 1” margins, double spaced on either:
	+ How have the library resources aided you in your high school career?
	+ How has a book that you have read influenced your life?
* In 250 words or less, describe any information you would like the scholarship committee to know, including activities, work experience, and volunteer opportunities in which you have participated – especially library or literacy related.

Two scholarships of $250 each will be awarded. Ida Friends of the Library Scholarship funds are limited to use toward books, college tuition, and fees at **any college or institution of higher learning** the student will be attending in the 2021-2022 school year.

Return completed application to the Ida Branch Library or the Ida High School Guidance Department no later than close of business **Friday, April 30, 2021.**

**Who are the Ida Branch Library Friends?**

The Friends of the Ida Branch of the Monroe County Library System is a nonprofit group of citizens who work together to stimulate a greater interest in and use of the library; to acquaint the community with the functions, resources, facilities and needs of the library; to promote and enrich the services of the library; to encourage and administer library gifts, donations, and memorials of individuals and organizations; to coordinate information to the community of issues of library legislation; to sponsor programs designed to add to the cultural life of the community and to ensure the existence of the Ida Branch of the Monroe County Library System for years to come.

\*active means that your card is current, your library account information is up to date, i.e., name, address, phone number are correct, and you are able to use your card at any of the 16 Monroe County Library System Branches or any of the online resources.