

PSU Graduate School of Education Helen Farrens Library/Media Scholarship Application

Helen Farrens was passionate about education, teaching, and the school librarian. In her estate she left a gift to the Portland Association of School Librarians to be used for the education and benefit of Portland School Librarians. The Portland Association of School Librarians has directed this estate gift to the PSU Graduate School of Education to be used for library/media scholarships according to the wishes of the benefactor.

The Association states “as career school librarians, we believe that schools need the expertise of librarians who have been specifically prepared for that work”. In order to encourage and support the preparation of certified library/media specialists for Portland Public Schools, scholarships will be offered to persons seeking that specialization endorsement.

Helen Farrens Library/Media Scholarships were established in 2003 and will be awarded annually until funds are fully expended.

To be considered for the Helen Farrens Library/Media Scholarship you **must** be admitted to Portland State University’s Graduate School of Education Library/Media Program and **must** meet eligibility requirements on the application form.

No application deadline: revolving. Applicants will be considered for this scholarships ONLY if application is complete and information is accurate.

Name _____ SSN _____
Last First MI

Address _____
City State Zip

Home phone _____ Work phone _____ Email _____

Term/year admitted into library/media program _____ Previous education and/or degree(s) _____

Current employment (school/position) _____

The following students will be eligible for scholarship support:

- **Current PPS teachers admitted into a PSU GSE program for library/media certification**
- **Current PPS library/media aids who are admitted into a PSU GSE program to complete their teaching license with a library/media endorsement or who have a teaching license and are admitted into the program for adding a library/media endorsement**
- **Students admitted into the PSU GSE library/media endorsement program who intend to work in Portland Public Schools**

Additional criteria:

- **Financial Need**
- **Preference to those having teaching experience**
- **Preference to those currently employed by Portland Public Schools.**

Application checklist:

- **Complete this application form and the attached Confidential Financial Report.**
- **Statement of financial need/constraints plus cost to complete your library/media endorsement program.**
- **Personal statement and scholarship-specific statements.**
 - **Write a personal statement (500 words or less) describing your relevant experience and reasons for pursuing this specialty. Include pertinent community activities and how you meet the eligibility criteria.**
 - **This section and letters of support may be shared with members from the former Portland Association of School Librarians.**
- **Two letters of support. Two letters of support from people such as teachers and supervisors who have knowledge of your work. You may include additional supporting documentation. These letters should be written specifically for this scholarship application.**

Bring or mail your completed application to (do not leave it with another department):

Office of the Associate Dean
Graduate School of Education, 608 ED
Portland State University
P.O. Box 751
Portland, OR 97207

Confidential Financial Report

Name: _____ **SSN:** _____

Address: _____ **Telephone:** _____

_____ **e-mail:** _____

Information provided in this report will be used exclusively by the GSE Scholarship Committee and will be kept strictly confidential.

Indicate your sources of financial support for the _____ school year:

Type of support Available	Amount	Source
Savings	_____	_____
Employment	_____	_____
Grants	_____	_____
Scholarships	_____	_____
Loans	_____	_____
Gifts (family etc.)	_____	_____
Other: _____	_____	_____
Total Support	_____	

Describe any particular financial issues or constraints you deem pertinent in a separate statement.

I am submitting my complete scholarship application and certify that all information is correct as presented.

Signature and Date