

FALL 2021

Name:

Shaunte L. Allen Literacy Scholarship

Amount:

\$250

Purpose:

The Shaunte L. Allen Literacy Scholarship is a performance-based scholarship designed to create access and resources to those seeking to increase their literacy levels. Low attainment of educational equity and digital literacy is directly related to the national [poverty](#) rate. This includes poor health and nutrition choices, dilapidated housing, and lower job wages.

I am committed to fighting illiteracy. Are you?

Mission:

Allen Voademy's mission is to create access to a dynamic adult literacy program that enhances learning and transforms lives.

Strategic Goals:

1. To help close the literacy achievement gap, before 2030, by remediating 500 learners annually to strengthen and expand the number of educated and skilled citizens contributing to the workforce.
2. To increase library usage by 30% to promote information and digital literacies for family educational awareness, entrepreneurship, and employment resources.
3. To donate two \$250 literacy-improvement scholarships annually.

Application Details:

Allen Voademy, LLC™ will select two scholarship recipients who demonstrate a need to improve their literacy skills and a desire to succeed in life. The \$250 scholarship can be used toward courses with Allen Voademy, any academic institution, or workforce organization.

To apply, scholars must meet all eligibility requirements and complete performance instructions by **11:00pm on Saturday, September 20, 2021**. The scholarship application must be completed online. Late or incomplete submissions will not be considered. Applicants must complete all fields and answer all questions on the application form. The 1 - 2 page analytical essay must be typed in [MLA](#) or [APA](#) format. Be sure to return the library book by its due date. The letter of recommendation must include the date, name, and contact information of the referral. S/he must describe

how long and in what capacity they are acquainted with you. Create **one combined pdf** of all scans/copies of the essay, letter of recommendation, library documentation, and current legal identification. **Upload** as one document (pdf preferred) to the bottom section of the application, then click **SUBMIT!**

Finalists may be asked to interview with the scholarship committee. Winners will be notified no later than sixty (60) days after the application deadline via email address. A check will be sent to the recipient's home address by certified mail. Only one applicant per household. Past winners are ineligible for additional scholarships. Applications will be judged based on the following criteria: written communication skills, reading background, commitment to literacy, recommendation, and overall application strength.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Be a City of Glenn Heights' resident.
- Be within the ages of 16 - 100.
- Provide current legal identification (Texas Driver License, Texas Identification, School or College Identification).
- Complete the scholarship application online in its entirety.
- Write a 1 - 2 page **analytical** essay.
- Provide all library documentation.
- Provide one letter of recommendation from a teacher, supervisor, or community leader who can attest to your literacy/education goals.

Performance Instructions:

1. Using the Glenn Heights' voucher, obtain a library card from [DeSoto Public Library](#) or [Cedar Hill Public Library](#). Scan/Copy the front and back of the library card (your name and face must match on both library card and current legal identification).
2. Check-out the library book and read it. Scan/Copy the front and back of the book or scan/copy your check-out receipt.
3. Using MS Word or Google Docs, type a 1 - 2 page **analytical** essay.
4. Create one combined pdf of all scans/copies of the essay, letter of recommendation, library documentation, and current legal identification.
5. Complete the online scholarship application and **upload** the combined pdf before the deadline. Finally, click **SUBMIT!**

Essay Instructions:

Using MS Word or Google Docs, type a 1 - 2 page **analytical** essay ____.

Regulations:

Allen Vocadoemy, LLC™ will not sell or reproduce any information submitted as a part of the scholarship application process to any third-parties. We are not responsible for incomplete applications or technical, hardware, software or telephone failures of any kind, lost or unavailable network connections, fraud, incomplete, garbled or delayed computer transmissions. We reserve the right, in its sole discretion, to cancel, modify, or suspend this Literacy Scholarship and may disqualify any person who engages in fraud. You must verify and acknowledge that all submitted information is accurate and complete and that the essay was written by YOU only*.

Scholarship recipients are solely responsible for any state or federal tax liability in association with the acceptance of the scholarship. Refer to IRS [Topic No. 421](#) for detailed information.

For additional questions, email scholarship@allenvocadoemy.com.