

Albert Wisner Public Library Foundation **2017 College Scholarship Competition**

For the eleventh 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: ***Indicate a character in fiction or an actual historical figure who has had a significant influence on you, and describe that influence.***

Submissions will be judged on the basis of 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 will each receive \$1,000 toward the cost of college tuition, paid directly to their college.

Any high school senior who resides in the Warwick Valley Central School District is welcome to participate. The student need not be enrolled in Warwick Valley High School.

Please note the following important, firm guidelines:

- Essay is due on Monday, April 17, 2017 by 5:00pm at the Library. Late essays will not be judged.
- Essay must be delivered in person by the student who wrote it, because he or she must sign a release form. Six (6) copies of the essay must be brought, along with a single cover sheet indicating the student's name, address, and contact information.
- Any essay placed in the outside book drop, placed in the Library's postal mailbox or emailed to the Library will not be judged.
- Essay must not include any information or description that would reveal the identity of the writer. The judges consider all essays without knowing the writer.

The three scholarships will be awarded in May by Foundation member Glenn P. Dickes and Susan D. Dickes, who have sponsored two scholarships since the competition's inception in 2007, and by Carol Hope Arber, who added a third award in 2012. Both the Foundation and Library deeply appreciate their generosity.