

Albert Wisner Public Library Foundation **2016 College Scholarship Competition**

For the tenth 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.

The essay submission deadline is 4:00pm on Sunday, April 17, 2016. Students should bring six (6) printed copies of the essay, together with a cover sheet showing his/her name, mailing address, best phone number to reach him/her and email address to the Circulation Desk. *Essays must be delivered by the student, in person*, as the student must sign a release form. Essays emailed, delivered late, dropped in the outside book return or placed in the Library mailbox will not be judged. Finally, the essay must not contain any information that identifies the writer; judges will not know who wrote each essay.

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.