



**Des Moines Women's Club  
\$2000 Literature Scholarship  
2017-2018**

**Application Deadline  
Postmark Date: January 19, 2018**

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street) (City) (County) (Zip)

Parents' Names \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

High School Attending \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

English/Composition Teacher's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

College or university (beginning fall of 2018)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name) (Address)

**Application Must Include:**

- Cumulative GPA. This may be reported by a certified transcript (preferred by the Literature Committee) or a copy of your last report card. Letter of Recommendation from a high school English, Composition, or Literature teacher/advisor. *Please include contact information with this letter.*
- Writing entries (4 copies of each). Please note that if any of the required documents are missing, you will **not** be able to progress to final judging, nor be considered for the scholarship.

Each student must submit only the following samples: (See Requirements)

1 Poem	Maximum Length	2 pages/Minimum Length	1 page
1 Short Story	Maximum Length	10 pages/Minimum Length	5 pages
1 Narrative Essay	Maximum Length	10 pages/Minimum Length	5 pages

Please use a cover page with your name and genre on each writing sample. Please do not place your name on any page within the body of your samples. The cover page with your name will be removed for blind judging. One master copy with cover page will be retained by the chairperson to protect your intellectual property rights.

- Short biography (one to two pages) including your future writing goals.

I affirm that the writings submitted herewith are my own original work.

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Return Application To:**

Literature Scholarship Committee  
1501 Woodland Avenue • Des Moines, IA 50309-3283 • (515) 244-0507 ext. 211  
dmwclub@hoytsherman.org • desmoineswomensclub.org



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**SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS**

- Applicant must be a legal resident of, or a full-time, registered student in **Polk County or the bordering counties: Boone, Dallas, Jasper, Madison, Marion, Story or Warren.**
- ***Applicant may apply for only one Des Moines Women's Club scholarship per year.***
- Four (4) copies of each entry (writing sample) should be submitted.
- Literature is defined as a student's written expression in poetry, narrative essay, and short story. Each application must include all three genres. Maximum page count for the entire submission is 21 pages total.
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- Please use professional fonts: Courier New or Times New Roman. Poem may be single-spaced. Short story and narrative essay must be double-spaced.
- Place all examples in a plain folder or large envelope.
- Place completed application form, sealed letter of recommendation with contact information, and biography in a separate sealed envelope. You may include this envelope in the larger envelope that contains your writing samples.
- **Application must be postmarked by January 19, 2018. Postmark deadline is firm. Applications that do not meet deadline and all requirements will be eliminated from consideration.** This award recognizes students able to submit high-quality, tightly-edited writing on time and to meet professional standard guidelines.
- Mail application to: Literature Scholarship Committee, Des Moines Women's Club, 1501 Woodland Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50309-3283.
- **Winner will be requested to appear at the Scholarship Awards program on April 18, 2018.**
- The Scholarship Award will be sent directly to the winner's selected college or university upon verification of registration and shall be applied toward tuition for the 2018 Fall semester.