

Lindsey's Literary Scholarship

About

Lindsey's Literary Scholarship was created by Anastasia Lindsey in honor of her late grandfather, whose generosity and commitment to giving back continue to inspire her work.

The scholarship exists to uplift young writers who use words as a form of self-expression, healing, and truth-telling, valuing authenticity, emotional honesty, and voice over perfection or performance.

Anastasia Lindsey is a bestselling & award-winning author/poet whose work ignites passion, transformation, healing, and raw emotion. She has published two poetry collections and has been featured in numerous anthologies and magazines, with recognition from Kirkus Reviews, Midwest Book Review, Independent Book Review, and BookView Review. A three-time Readers' Choice Award winner and recipient of the Literary Titan Gold Book Award, Anastasia crafts verses that explore themes of healing, love, and self-discovery —writing to connect humanity, one poem at a time.

As a three-time Poetry Out Loud judge for the Decatur, Illinois competition and the scorekeeper's assistant for the Springfield, Illinois competition, she remains deeply involved in cultivating a love for poetry in her community. A proud member of Decatur Area Poets, Anastasia is the 2025 recipient of the Horace Livingston Writer's Award, a 2025 Global Book Award Winner, and a shortlisted winner of the 2026 Central Ave Poetry Prize.

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Submissions: LindseyLiteraryScholarship@gmail.com

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Eligibility

Applicants must:

- Be a current high school senior in any of the Decatur, Illinois High Schools (EHS, MHS, Unity Christian, ST.T)
- Have been accepted to a university or community college
- Plan to attend school in the Fall 2026 term
- Submit original written work
- Not be an immediate family member of the scholarship founder

Award

- \$500 scholarship
- Funds will be paid directly to the recipient's university or community college in August 2026 and applied toward tuition or eligible educational fees.

Required Submission Materials

Applicants must submit all of the following via email and include your name & email on document

1. Choose one:

- Poem
- Short personal essay
- Creative reflection or narrative

Guidelines:

- 1-2 pages maximum (or up to ~750 words)
- Any theme or style
- Original work only

2. A short written response to the prompt (up to ~750 words):

What does writing give you that the world sometimes cannot?

3. Proof of Acceptance

- Screenshot or PDF of acceptance letter or email
- Applicant name and school name visible
- Personal details may be blurred if desired

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Submission Instructions

- Email all materials to: lindseyliteraryscholarship@gmail.com
- Subject line format:
 - Lindsey's Literary Scholarship – Applicant Name
- Attach submissions as PDF

Submission Limit

- Submissions are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis
- Applications will close once 50 complete submissions have been received

Timeline

- Submissions open: February 1, 2026
- Submissions close: April 1, 2026 or once 50 submissions are received
- Recipient announced: May 2026
- Scholarship funds distributed to the school: August 2026

Selection Process

Applications are reviewed holistically and selected based on:

- Authentic voice
- Emotional honesty
- Thoughtfulness of reflection
 - GPA, test scores, and recommendation letters are not considered.

Privacy & Permissions

- All submissions are kept confidential and used solely for scholarship review.
- Public sharing of the recipient's name or work will occur only with written permission.

Closing Note

This scholarship exists to remind young writers that their words matter – long before they feel established in their career! Good luck!