

## **LEONA A. KELLEY MEMORIAL FUND ANNOUNCES SCHOLARSHIP FOR 2024**

The Leona A. Kelley Memorial Scholarship Fund is offering one \$1000 scholarship award to a high school senior or current college undergraduate, who graduated or is graduating from the South Kingstown, Narragansett, Chariho, or Prout High Schools. The Kelley Memorial Scholarship Fund seeks to encourage and reward local students for preserving the environment of South County or conducting research on the history of South County, Rhode Island. The \$1000 scholarship can be used by a student to pay for educational expenses other than travel at a two- or four-year college.

The Leona A. Kelley Memorial Scholarship Fund was established with donations to honor the memory of Leona A. Kelley, an elementary school teacher in South Kingstown, a social worker, and South Kingstown's first woman state legislator, who died in 2000. Leona was known for her strong support of education, in protecting the environment, open spaces, farmlands, scenic highways, and historic sites in South County and throughout Rhode Island, as well as for her love of local history as past president of the Pettaquamscutt Historical Society and author of the *South County Scrapbook newspaper column*.

The applicant is required to research and write a document of a minimum of three and a maximum of six pages on some aspect of South County history or describe a historic or environmental preservation project conducted in South County that he or she has completed.

The scholarship will be awarded based on the recommendations of an independent committee and will be contingent upon the applicant's acceptance at a two- or four-year college (any major is acceptable) and by law can be applied by the institution to any qualified higher education expense other than travel. The funds will be sent directly to the post-secondary institution the student is attending, subject to verification of the recipient's enrollment.

Completed applications should be submitted to The Leona A. Kelley Memorial Fund, c/o Dr. John G.W. Kelley, 39 Appleton Lane, Hampstead, NH 03841. The applications must be postmarked by **March 31, 2024**.

# **The Leona A. Kelley Memorial Scholarship Fund Application**

*Please return the completed application and essay or project description to the address below  
via U.S. Mail. Applications must be postmarked by **March 31, 2024***

Check One: \_\_\_\_\_ Historical \_\_\_\_\_ Environmental

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Village/Town: \_\_\_\_\_ State: RI Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Attended or Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Guidance Counselor or Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Post Secondary Plans:

Planned Field of Study: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Schools Accepted at or Applied to:

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## **Important Essay or Project Description Format Requirements**

The essay (3 page minimum, 6 page maximum) or project description (2 page minimum, 4 page maximum) should be typed using 12 point font, be double spaced, and have 1 inch margins.

The essay should include a bibliography to indicate the sources used for your essay. Please put your name and address ONLY on the 1<sup>st</sup> page of your essay or project description. To assure a fair process, any identification of the author/applicant will be covered over when copies are made for the scholarship committee's review.

**Please mail this application form with your essay or project description to the following address:**

The Leona A. Kelley Memorial Fund  
c/o Dr. John G.W. Kelley  
39 Appleton Lane  
Hampstead, NH 03841

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on the basis of race, gender, religion, or national origin***