



**LITERACY VOLUNTEERS  
OF KENNEBEC**

### **Mission Statement**

*The mission of Literacy Volunteers of Kennebec is to improve reading, writing and related literacy skills of adults in our community so each individual may reach their potential, and to promote and advocate for literacy.*

### **Literacy Scholarship Application**

Literacy Volunteers of Kennebec (LVK) is providing for this scholarship from the Peter Townsend Fund. Peter Townsend was an architect who, upon his retirement to Maine, requested that all proceeds from his work done in Maine be directed as a gift to Literacy Volunteers. Peter was both a great reader and artist. His legacy of kindness and generosity will live on.

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ *Email should be active beyond 2024, it's advisable not to use your high school email address.*

High School Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Higher Education Plan: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Submission Requirements: ESSAY/POEM/VIDEO/ORIGINAL ARTWORK**

Please submit **one** of the following: An essay (300-500 words, Times New Roman font), an original poem; brief video presentation, or picture of original artwork which depicts the following theme:

**Imagine yourself in the shoes of a recent immigrant and refugee to the United States with very limited ability to speak or read English and discuss the challenges you would face navigating life in your new country and home.**

#### **APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS**

The applicant must be:

- Graduating in 2024 from a public high school in Kennebec County
- Planning to attend at least a 2 year higher educational facility.

Two separate Scholarships of \$500 will be awarded. The scholarship will be sent to the college, educational institution or technical school after successful completion of the first semester with proof of second semester enrollment.

LVK would like permission to share some of the submissions – if you would like to give permission for LVK to share your entry, please complete the attached Media Release and return with your application. (Scanned copies with signature are accepted.)

**The deadline for the Scholarship Applications and submissions is April 1, 2024. Mail or email the Scholarship Application and submission to: Literacy Volunteers of Kennebec; 12 Spruce Street, Suite 4, Augusta, ME 04330 or [info@lva-augusta.org](mailto:info@lva-augusta.org) Office: 207-626-3440 Cell: 207-458-7592**



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## Media Consent/Release Form

LVK respects the confidentiality of all information related to scholarship applicants and wishes to ensure each individual has the right to understand and agree to any release of information including written, photographic, and/or audio/visual concerning their submission associated with this organization and its affiliates.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, agree to the release of written material, photos or video/audio of myself and understand such images may be used for promotion of literacy services in press releases, on the agency website, or other social media formats.

I understand and agree that all such information is to be treated confidentially and that no personal information, such as my address, phone or email will be used in any publication, unless I give specific consent.

I understand I have the right to withdraw my consent at any time by writing, calling or emailing LVK.

**I give this consent voluntarily:**

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**Signature**

**Date**

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**Signature (Parent/Guardian if under 18)**

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Dear Administrator/Guidance;

January 2024

RE: Peter Townsend Memorial Literacy Scholarship

Dear Administration/Guidance;

Please share the enclosed Literacy Volunteers of Kennebec (LVK) Literacy Scholarship Application with eligible seniors graduating in 2024. LVK is pleased to offer this scholarship given in the name of the benefactor, Peter Townsend. Peter was an avid reader and artist who requested that all proceeds from his work commissioned in Maine be directed as a gift in the name of Literacy.

Students applying are asked to submit an essay/poem, video, or original artwork that depicts the following theme: *Imagine yourself in the shoes of a recent immigrant and refugee to the United States with very limited ability to speak or read English and discuss the challenges you would face navigating life in your new country and home.*

There will be two (2) \$500 scholarships provided and awarded to students selected from the public high schools of Kennebec County. The recipient must be graduating in 2024 and plan to attend at least a two-year higher education facility. The scholarship will be sent to the college, educational institution, or technical school after successful completion of the first semester and proof of second semester enrollment. **Applications are due April 1, 2024.**

We are available to answer any questions regarding the scholarship and are happy to personally present the award at any school awards program as requested by the recipient school.

Thank you for your cooperation and we look forward to working with you and your students.

Sincerely;

Virginia Marriner  
LVK Executive Director

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