



## 2011 First Literacy Scholarships

### Purpose

First Literacy Scholarships recognize and reward adults who have completed their basic education or English as a Second Language (ESOL) studies and who are continuing to higher education or technical training. The scholarships are awarded on the basis of the candidates':

- Educational achievement and potential,
- Contributions to the community or their educational program, and
- Perseverance in face of hardship.

We want to support adults who will stand out as role models for their families and their peers and as examples for us all.

### 2011 Awards

- First Literacy Scholarships: \$1,000
- First Literacy hopes to make 10 awards in 2011.

### Eligibility

- Students who have completed their basic education or English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) studies in a Belmont, Boston, Brookline, Cambridge, Somerville, or Watertown community-based program, a free preparatory program offered by a local higher education institution, or a volunteer-based program since April 2010 or will complete them by the end of August 2011 and who have been admitted to an institution of higher education or a vocational training program of substantial duration may apply.
- More than one student per program may apply. The number of scholarships per program will be determined by the quality of students' applications, the availability of funding, and the number of requests.
- Past First Literacy Scholars may apply for the Continuing Scholar Award.
- Scholarship recipients must report on their progress to First Literacy in writing or by telephone in January and again at the end of their first school year.
- Students who are awarded a scholarship and are unable to pursue their studies as planned are requested to inform First Literacy and may be required to return their scholarship to First Literacy.

### Process

Programs are encouraged to identify candidates. Students who are interested should consult with their teachers or counselors. Programs may assist students in preparing the application, but the applicants must write their own personal statements. Two letters of recommendation are required. One of them must be from program staff.

The applicants will be notified by June 30, 2011. Scholarships will be awarded at a reception to be held during the summer.

**Applications are due at First Literacy by Friday, May 27, 2011.**