

NORTH FORK WOMEN

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2025 ANNE MACKEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

PRESENTED BY NORTH FORK WOMEN

APPLICATION OVERVIEW

North Fork Women will present a scholarship valued between \$1,000 – \$4,000 (depending on placement) to a deserving public high school senior in Riverhead, Shelter Island or Southold Townships.

The scholarship will be awarded to the student with the best original essay on inclusion and diversity in their school or community. Anne MacKay, a longtime North Fork resident, was a lesbian with wide-ranging interests:

- A sense of place: love of the North Fork environment and/or a focus on environmental challenges
- Creative arts: performing arts, writing, music or visual art
- Civil rights and justice including voting rights, disability rights, LGBT issues and more
- Scientific studies

The scholarship may be used for any post-secondary education chosen by the winning student.

This scholarship is intended to help deserving students from the North Fork explore their own passions and interests, with a goal of returning to our communities the same generous and adventurous spirit that Anne MacKay exemplified in her many decades here. Based on their original written essay, preference will be given to culturally diverse students, low income students and/or the first from their family to go to college.

REQUIREMENTS

1. Students are required to have a 3.0 GPA or higher.
2. It must include a recommendation from their class teacher, principal or guidance counselor.
3. They must submit a community recommendation and a list of extracurricular and service activities.
4. Each student must submit a unique/original essay focused on either a personal experience or their involvement in:
 - Working in their community to help broaden diversity
 - Encouraging inclusion
 - Helping to stop bullying or the destructive behavior it encourages.

Individual essays should be original, written for this scholarship specifically, be 750-1,000 words, typed and double spaced. Applicants should be aware that their essay may be published.

SUBMISSION

- You can apply for and submit a scholarship application directly online by going to northforkwomen.org/scholarship25
- Written applications may be e-mailed or mailed via USPS.
Email applications **by Monday, April 21, 2025** to: scholarship@northforkwomen.org
or mail applications via USPS, **postmarked by April 21, 2025** to:
North Fork Women, PO Box 804, Greenport, NY 11944
- Additional applications may be downloaded by going to: northforkwomen.org/scholarship25

Completed applications must include the original essay, a school transcript, two recommendations as noted above and a list of extracurricular and service activities. The scholarship winner is announced each year in May.

Please email any questions regarding scholarship applications to scholarship@northforkwomen.org

OVERVIEW OF THE NORTH FORK WOMEN FOR WOMEN FUND

North Fork Women provides healthcare grants and offers financial assistance and personal support to lesbians on the North Fork of Long Island, New York who are facing emergency health situations: difficulties caused by aging, illness, disability, or disruptions of physical or mental well-being, and those with inadequate or no health insurance.

North Fork Women is committed to health advocacy and education, and develops activities and programs that foster the social and community life of lesbians on the North Fork.

BIOGRAPHY OF ANNE MACKAY

The late Anne MacKay (deceased 2012 at the age of 84) first visited Orient to stay with her grandparents who lived “on the hill” there. This began a lifelong love of the North Fork and its natural habitat. She taught countless friends to fish, clam, kayak and sail in the waters around Orient.

Anne graduated from Vassar College and was a supporter of the college her whole life, honored in 2010 for her leadership in lesbian and gay activities on campus. She authored the nonfiction book, “Wolf Girls at Vassar,” about lesbian lives on campus in the 1950’s, 60’s and 70’s.

Anne spent her career as a teacher in New York City, teaching theater and performance at The Dalton School and Horace Mann Preparatory School. She also organized a number of theatrical presentations to help celebrate women’s liberation activities in New York City. She was an ardent folklorist and collector of early American folk songs and built her own dulcimers to play on. In recent years, she organized “Song Swaps” for local musicians to share traditional songs and new arrangements.

Anne was one of the early members of the North Fork Women for Women Fund which provides health care grants to women on the North Fork. She created and led its Archives Committee for many years. The collections of interviews and memorabilia from the archives project now reside in the Sophia Smith Collection for Women at Smith College.

An avid friend, a great reader, collector of songs and explorer of the natural world, Anne MacKay led a passionate and committed life that benefited countless residents on the North Fork of Long Island.

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ANNE MACKAY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP | 2025 APPLICATION

The deadline for this completed application is Monday, April 21, 2025

APPLICANT INFORMATION

NAME OF APPLICANT: _____

DATE SUBMITTED: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____

NAME OF PARENT/GUARDIAN: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

WHAT IS THE BEST WAY TO REACH YOU? _____

I. PERSONAL ESSAY

Each student must submit an original/unique essay focused on either a personal experience or their involvement in:

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II. POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION

Which is your top choice for college and/or trade school and what degree or certificate you are seeking?

III. PROGRAM COST

Please describe how you will use the scholarship if it is awarded to you:

IV. OTHER INFORMATION

A. Name of high school: _____

B. Present Grade Level: _____

C. Grade point average in high school: _____

D. Current and recent school activities: _____

E. Community activities (with an emphasis on those that reflect the subject area of inclusion and diversity):

F. Any job experience? Do you plan to hold a job while at college or trade school?

G. Are you the first in your family to attend college or a trade school? Yes No

H. Is English your first language? Yes No

I. Are you applying for other grants and/or scholarships? Yes No

A copy of your high school transcript and two letters of recommendation are required. At least one letter must come from a current teacher, guidance counselor or principal. If possible, the second letter should be from a community member familiar with your activities and this application. Recommendations from parents or close relatives are not acceptable.

Applicants are asked to write a brief written report of the impact of their scholarship at the end of their first year. Applicants may be asked to share their experiences with the Scholarship Committee and the Board of Directors at the end of the first year. All written work, including the essay submitted with the application and written report at the end of the application shall be the property of North Fork Women and the Anne MacKay Scholarship Fund.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

DATE

PARENT / GUARDIAN INFORMATION

The above applicant, for whom I am responsible, has my permission to apply for and to accept, if awarded, the Anne MacKay Memorial Scholarship. I am fully aware of this program and approve of my child's participation.

SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN

PRINT NAME OF PARENT/GUARDIAN

DATE

PHONE OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN

EMAIL OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN

SUPERINTENDENT / PRINCIPAL INFORMATION

I have reviewed the materials about and the application for the Anne MacKay Memorial Scholarship and I support this applicant's participation in the program and confirm their academic achievements.

SIGNATURE OF SUPERINTENDENT OR PRINCIPAL

PRINT NAME OF SUPERINTENDENT OR PRINCIPAL

DATE

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