

# The Shirley Somees Continuation Scholarship



**The Friends of the Descanso Library announce the creation of the Shirley Somees Continuation Scholarship**

- **Available to residents of zip code 91916**
- **Students in 3rd year of college or later, 2nd year of vocational school, or returning to school to pursue a new career.**
- **Online or traditional classroom study**
- **GPA of 2.5 or higher**

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**\$500**

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FRIENDS OF DESCANSO LIBRARY SHIRLEY SOMES  
CONTINUATION SCHOLARSHIP

9545 River Dr. Descanso, CA 91916

Dear Student,

The Friends of Descanso Library (FODL) is awarding an annual \$500.00 scholarship to an outstanding Descanso resident already enrolled in a post high school educational program.

Eligibility:

1. You must be a resident of Descanso in the 91916 zip code area or live between Riverside Drive and I-8 (need to provide proof)
2. In the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> year of college, 2<sup>nd</sup> year of a vocational program. The program can be either an online or brick or mortar school
3. You may be just starting a program or returning to school to pursue another career.
4. Have a grade point average of 2.5 in any field of study (Need to submit transcript)
5. You must submit a 300 word essay to explain: a. Why you are pursuing this field of education, b. Your goals and aspirations, and c. What ways your education will contribute to your goals and may contribute to the betterment of Descanso or the FODL.

No name please. All essays will be assigned a number and judged by an impartial committee. Essays must be typed.

Format for Essay:

- I. Title
- II. Introduction paragraph
- III. Body paragraphs
- IV. Conclusion paragraph

Spelling and grammar will be considered. There will also be an oral interview by the scholarship committee. There will be 5 questions asked of each applicant.

**Completed application packets must be received at the Descanso Library no later than May 5, 2023**

**Recipient will be notified by phone**

If you have any questions, please contact Scholarship Committee Chair, Cindy Uden  
@ 619 820 4106

Friends of Descanso Library Scholarship Committee

**Friends of the Descanso Library  
2020 Shirley Somes Continuation Scholarship Program**

**Applicant Checklist**

**All items MUST be included with the application**

**Completed application**

**Proof of residency in Zip Code 91916 or between Riverside Dr. and I-8**

**Transcript from your College or Vocational School showing GPA**

**Essay, Typed with at least 300 words describing:**

- A. Why you are pursuing this field of education
- B. Your goals and aspirations
- C. What ways your education will contribute to your goals and may contribute to the betterment of Descanso or the FODL.

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**FRIENDS OF DESCANSO LIBRARY**

**SHIRLEY SOMES CONTINUATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM**

Please print

First and Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade average at present: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Essay: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Submit at the Descanso County Library  
9545 River Drive  
PO Box 354  
Descanso, CA 91916

FAX: 619-445-4891

Attention: FODL Scholarship Chair Person

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Please list community service in which you have been involved during your time in Descanso.

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List any job employment you may have had outside the home.

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What hobbies or interests do you enjoy in your free time?

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### Shirley Jean SomeS

Shirley SomeS will be remembered for her many contributions to the Descanso community, but importantly as a Friend of the Descanso Library. During her tenure she founded the Molly Jean Featheringill Scholarship and chaired the Scholarship Committee, but was an active supporter of all programs of the Friends. We all miss her smile and laughter.

A lifelong supporter of education and its pursuit, she retired from the San Diego Unified School District as an elementary school teacher. Many lives were touched during her career. The Friends of the Library honor her memory with this scholarship and hope we will continue to enrich lives as she did.