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## **Apply Now for HPL's Caroline M. Hewins Scholarship**

**(HARTFORD, CT: July 26, 2019)** Hartford Public Library (HPL) is now accepting applications for the 2019 Caroline M. Hewins Scholarship. The \$4,000 scholarship is awarded to a student who plans to pursue a career as a children's librarian. Applications must be postmarked no later than September 1, 2019 to be considered.

Miss Hewins began working at HPL in 1875, when it was known as the Hartford Young Men's Institute and continued to serve the Library until her death in 1926. She was instrumental in transforming the library from a subscription-based institution to a free public library. As a librarian and author, she was a ground-breaking pioneer and tireless advocate for expanding children's library services.

The scholarship originated as a financial gift to Miss Hewins from the Hartford Librarians' Club on her 50<sup>th</sup> year of service to Hartford Public Library. When she announced that she would use this gift as the basis of a scholarship fund for those who chose to follow in her footsteps, donations flowed in from across the state and around the nation. HPL has maintained the fund for nearly a century and continues to award the scholarship on an annual basis.

The scholarship is open to those who plan to specialize in library work with children; who have received or are about to receive a four-year undergraduate degree; and, who have applied for admission to a library school or are already attending a library school accredited by the American Library Association. Preference will be given to applicants who plan to pursue a career in public library service.

Candidates are required to submit applications (via mail only) now through August. Applications postmarked later than September 1, 2019 will not be considered. For more information and to access the application, please visit <https://www.hplct.org/about/caroline-m-hewins-scholarship>.

### **ABOUT HARTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Now celebrating its 125<sup>th</sup> year, Hartford Public Library remains at the forefront of redefining the urban library experience in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. With seven locations throughout the city, the library provides education, intellectual enrichment and cultural development for thousands of children, youth and adults every year. Hartford Public Library has also gained local and national recognition for its wide range of new initiatives and partnerships designed to meet the needs of a diverse and dynamic city and region, including immigration services, employment assistance and youth leadership training. Please visit [www.hplct.org](http://www.hplct.org).

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