



## JOAN BREST FRIEDBERG SCHOLARSHIP FOR PART-TIME PENNSYLVANIA RESIDENTS ADMITTED TO THE MLIS PROGRAM

### I. Intent of Scholarship

Dr. Joan Brest Friedberg, an alumna of the University, co-founded the "Beginning with Books" program in 1984. "[Beginning with Books](#)" was created as an early literacy intervention project, to bring reading and literature to the attention of children and families and to foster in them a life-long love of reading.

The Joan Brest Friedberg Scholarship is awarded to a Part-time MLIS Student to fund tuition up to 3 courses (3-9 credits). The recipient's registration cannot exceed 8 credits per term.

The recipient of the award is eligible to apply for a renewal of the scholarship, after receiving the initial maximum 3 courses (9 credits) tuition allotment. The application for renewal may request additional 1 to 3 courses (3-9 credits) beyond the first initial 1 to 3 courses (3-9 credits).

The recipient must complete the initial three courses covered by the award within 12 months (three terms) from the time the award takes effect and must maintain a grade point average of 3.0 or better. The recipient may re-apply for the scholarship once.

### II. Guidelines for Selection

The Financial Aid Committee, including Naomi Lynn Siegel the scholarship's creator, interviews the finalists. The Committee makes its selection on the basis of the statement of interest and potential as a public librarian. The Committee makes its recommendation to the Chair of the Department.

Qualifications:

- Be a U.S. citizen or a permanent resident;
- Be a Pennsylvania resident;
- Be accepted into the MLIS program as a part-time student;
- Currently be working in a public library or plan to pursue a career in public librarianship; and
- Demonstrate financial need.

Applications for the Joan Brest Friedberg Scholarship for Part-time MLIS Students should include:

- Completed Departmental Financial Aid application form;
- Completed Joan Brest Friedberg Scholarship form;
- Current resume citing education, work experience, publications, etc.; and
- Essay that addresses reasons for pursuing MLIS studies in public librarianship.

Send forms to:

Admissions Coordinator  
School of Information Sciences  
University of Pittsburgh  
Room 505 IS Building  
135 N. Bellefield Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15260



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## JOAN BREST FRIEDBERG SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Date of submission: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of attached pages: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree Program (specify degree) \_\_\_\_\_

1. Please attach a current resume.
2. Please attach an essay of up to 500 words that addresses why you would like to pursue studies in public librarianship.
3. Please describe your career goals. If additional space is required, please staple pages to this application form.

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