



**2024  
2025**

## **Ethel Bolden Minority Fellowship**



The Richland Library Friends and Foundation awards up to two Ethel Bolden Minority Fellowships annually to honor and recognize Ethel Bolden's years of service to the Richland County community and its libraries. The \$3,500 fellowships seek to encourage and provide financial support to students from underserved/underrepresented ethnic and racial groups who are working toward an undergraduate or graduate degree and interested in working for Richland Library.

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### **Eligibility Requirements**

**Individuals are eligible to submit an application for the Ethel Bolden Minority Fellowship if they:**

- are a legal resident of South Carolina;
- have been fully admitted to a South Carolina university or college;
- are working on an undergraduate or graduate degree;
- have demonstrated leadership abilities through participation in community service or other activities;
- have shown outstanding academic performance; and
- are a member of an underserved/underrepresented racial or ethnic group.

### **Application Requirements**

**The following information must be submitted / postmarked by Tuesday, April 30, 2024:**

- *proof of admission* into a South Carolina college or university in any field of study;
- *completed application* for the Ethel Bolden Minority Fellowship;
- *current résumé*;
- *300 word essay that highlights how the applicant will uniquely support the library and the diverse communities we serve. If applicant has experience with oral or historical storytelling, please include this information in the essay. Academic, work or volunteer experience that emphasizes competencies should also be included; and*
- *two letters of reference* from individuals who are able to describe the applicant's academic, work and/or community service achievements. References should be placed in sealed envelopes and postmarked no later than **Tuesday, April 30, 2024**.

### **Application Submission**

*Please submit all required documents to:*

#### **Tina Gills**

Development Director  
tgills@richlandlibrary.com  
Richland Library  
1431 Assembly Street, Columbia, SC 29201

### **Frequency and Amount of Awards**

Up to two Ethel Bolden Minority Fellowships will be awarded\* annually in the amount of \$3,500 each (Fall semester and Spring semester). Fellows will receive payment as partial upfront (50%) and successful completion remaining (50%).

### **Deadline for Application**

All requested forms must be postmarked by Tuesday, April 30, 2024.

### **Notification of Awards**

Applicants will be notified regarding their status by Friday, May 31, 2024.

*\* The selection committee reserves the right to elect not to award the fellowship if it does not receive at least one complete application from a candidate meeting the high standards of the fellowship.*



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**Ethel Bolden**  
Minority Fellowship

2024–2025  
**APPLICATION**

### Personal Information

First Name ..... Middle ..... Last Name .....

Street Address .....

City ..... State ..... ZIP .....

Phone ..... E-mail .....

Pronouns .....

**Are you a South Carolina resident?**

*Please check one*

☐ YES ☐ NO

**Indicate if you are a member of an underserved/underrepresented racial or ethnic group.**

*Please check one*

- ☐ Hispanic, Latino or Spanish origin
- ☐ Black or African American
- ☐ American Indian or Alaska Native
- ☐ Asian
- ☐ Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander
- ☐ Other (please indicate): .....

### Application Requirements

In order for the application to be considered, applicant must submit this completed form, proof of admission, résumé, essay, and reference letters.

Two letters of reference must be mailed in separate sealed envelopes to the address indicated and postmarked no later than Tuesday, April 30, 2024.

### Direct application materials and questions to:

**Tina Gills**  
Development Director

Richland Library  
1431 Assembly Street  
Columbia, SC 29201

803.929.3424  
tgills@richlandlibrary.com

**APPLICATION DEADLINE IS  
TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 2024.**



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