**2026 OHIOANA WALTER RUMSEY MARVIN GRANT**

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# ENTRY FORM

Ohioana Library Association

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**DEADLINE:** February 23, 2026

The Walter Rumsey Marvin Grant was established in honor of the Ohioana Library Association’s second director, who served from 1954 to 1965. The Marvin Grant is a $1,000 award given annually to a writer 30 years of age or younger who has not had a book published.

**CRITERIA**

* Applicant must have been born in Ohio or lived in Ohio for a minimum of three years.
* Applicant must be no older than 30 years of age on January 31, 2026.
* Applicant must not have had a book published.

**ENTRIES**

* Entries may consist of up to four pieces of prose. No submission may total more than forty (40) pages or less than ten (10) pages, double spaced with a 12-point font.
* To apply, submit your entry in a word document, accompanied by this completed form or a letter from the applicant containing: their date and place of birth, dates, and place of residence in Ohio, and a statement that the applicant has not published a book with your signature (no digital signatures)—please scan the form with a printed signature.
* Entries must be submitted by email to ohioana@ohioana.org

**JUDGING**

A panel of three judges will review all entries meeting the application criteria and format requirements and will select the work of the person whose writing they consider best in overall quality. Judges reserve the right not to award the grant, if in their opinion, no submission merits a grant.

**ENTRY APPLICATION**

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City, State, Zip: E-mail:

Day telephone:( ) Fax: ( )

Date & place of birth:

Place & length of residence in Ohio:

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