

2017 Chief FOIA Officer Report

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In 2017, the Foundation continues to provide the presumption of openness for information obtainable by FOIA. For the past several years, we have placed all permitted information about our scholarship recipients on the website in a searchable list. Additionally, we provide copies of most of the materials surrounding our scholarship competition. In the coming year, we are hoping to add more content to our website including updated score sheets and reading committee instructions. We have never had a request for these materials, but believe them to be of interest to people and would like to house them on the website. While it is difficult to anticipate every request, we believe we have provided most of the material to public on our website.

We established a system for responding to FOIA requests sometime after 2003. During that time, we have not received a high number of requests (1 request a year is about average) but continue to use that system. Our current response time for FOIA requests is within a week (most are within the same day). We do not have a backlog.