

ArLA Annual scholarship Statement of Policy

The Arkansas Library Association invites applications for its annual scholarship for graduate study in librarianship. To be eligible to apply for the scholarship, applicants must meet the following conditions:

- Applicant must hold or be completing work toward a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university and must not currently hold a master's degree in library science.
- Applicant must be currently accepted and enrolled in a program leading to a master's degree in library science. An official transcript of coursework toward the master's degree shall be submitted as proof. Applicants who have enrolled but not yet begun coursework shall submit proof of acceptance and enrollment in a program leading to a master's degree in library science.
- Applicant may be currently employed in a library in Arkansas provided all other conditions are met.

The Arkansas Library Association will select one scholarship recipient each year from a pool of eligible applicants. Criteria for selection include 1) applicant's interest in librarianship as a profession, 2) academic record, 3) compliance with application requirements. Awards are made without regard to race, sex, age, religion, sexual orientation, or ethnic background.

Recipients of the scholarship must meet the following requirements:

- Within one year of completing their graduate program, accept or maintain professional employment in a library or in a library-related position in Arkansas.
- After accepting or maintaining such employment, continue to work in a library or library-related position in Arkansas for at least one year.
- Maintain membership in the Arkansas Library Association during the one year of required employment in a library or library-related position in Arkansas.
- Upon graduation, provide to the Arkansas Library Association an official transcript showing the completion of their prescribed course of graduate studies and an official letter from their workplace verifying employment in a library or library-related position in Arkansas.
- Sign a promissory note agreeing to repay the Arkansas Library Association the full amount of the scholarship award should any of the above conditions be unmet.

NOTE: The Scholarship Committee of the Arkansas Library Association reserves the right to make no award.

To apply for the annual scholarship, applicants should submit the following items between July 1 and September 1:

- Completed ArLA Scholarship application form (available on the website)
- Letter of application from the applicant
- Resume
- Official transcript if applicant has already begun graduate studies OR proof of acceptance and enrollment in a graduate program of library science if applicant is just beginning graduate studies.
- Three letters of reference from individuals qualified to address the academic and professional potential of the candidate.

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

ArLA Scholarship applications should be mailed or emailed to:
Arkansas Library Association
P.O. Box 3821
Little Rock AR 72203
Email: info@arlib.org