

2019 CLA Scholarship Awards

The Connecticut Library Association is pleased to announce that it will once again award scholarships valued at up to \$1,000 at its Annual Meeting, which will be held on April 30, 2019 at the Mystic Marriott. The areas of study eligible for scholarship support are listed below. Applications and supporting materials will be accepted in electronic format only using the form provided on the CLA website, which can be accessed below. Applicants should instruct those providing letters of recommendation to send via email to clascholarship@gmail.com.

All materials must be submitted by 5 PM on Friday, March 1, 2019

The application can be accessed by clicking [here](#).

Questions regarding the submission of applications should be sent to clascholarship@gmail.com.

Important Information About the Scholarships

- To be eligible you must be 1) a CLA member and 2) a CT resident or employed in a CT library.
- A CLA Student Membership is available for \$25 per year. The institution where you are currently enrolled *does not* have to be based in Connecticut. Please send any questions you may have regarding eligibility or the application process to: clascholarship@gmail.com
- The deadline for applications is March 1, 2019. Award recipients will receive complimentary one day registration and lunch for the 2018 CLA Annual Conference, and will be notified no later than March 18, 2019.
- You must be enrolled in, but have not yet graduated from, (with at least one course remaining to complete your studies), one of the following:
 1. An ALA accredited certification program (i.e. Certified Public Library Administrator)
 2. An LTA program
 3. A bachelor's degree (BA or BS) in Library Science
 4. A Library Media Specialist degree
 5. An ALA-accredited MLS/MLIS degree
 6. A PhD in Library Science
- Please send evidence on school or institutional letterhead of your enrollment in a qualified program. A copy of your letter of acceptance is required if enrolled in an advanced degree program (MLS/MLIS, Library Media Specialist or PhD). **Scholarship funds will be sent directly to the institution being attended by the award winners for deposit in their student accounts.**
- Two (2) references must be submitted with the application. Greater weight will be given to references supplied by persons who are, or have been, professional librarians or who are engaged in teaching library course work. Applicants should instruct those providing letters of recommendation to send via email to clascholarship@gmail.com.

- Please include only professional affiliations (i.e. ALA, ACRL, YALSA, etc) or academic honors (i.e. Phi Beta Kappa) in the “memberships” portion of the application.
- If you have received an ALA Spectrum Scholarship, please submit an official notification of the award.
- Please send official transcripts of post-secondary education by the deadline. Advanced degree students need only send official transcripts of *completed* Baccalaureate or other post-secondary degrees and should forward an official transcript of any work *completed* toward current advanced degree studies thus far.
- Unsuccessful scholarship applications are not automatically renewed. However, eligible applicants may reapply the following year. Those who have already earned a scholarship must wait one year before being eligible to apply for a second award.
- Individuals will be eligible to receive awards valued at a minimum of \$500 up to a maximum of \$1,000 depending on the quality of the pool of applicants and type of program in which the applicants are enrolled. The scholarship applications are judged by the CLA Career Development Committee, which has sole discretion over the types of scholarships to be awarded and the amounts to be granted.