

2026 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 conference, to be held in April at the Mystic Marriott Hotel and Spa. The areas of study eligible for scholarship support are listed below. Scholarship funds will be disbursed to the recipient's educational institutions for the fall 2026 semester. Students graduating prior to fall 2026 are not eligible for the scholarship. Applications and supporting materials will be accepted in electronic format only using the form provided on the CLA website, which can be accessed below.

All materials must be submitted by 5:00PM on Friday, February 27th, 2026.

We encourage you to submit the completed application packet at least a week prior to the deadline so we can contact you if anything is missing.

[View the application](#)

Questions regarding eligibility or the application process should be sent to clascholarship@gmail.com.

Important Information about the Scholarships

1. 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.
2. The institution where you are currently enrolled *does not* have to be based in Connecticut.
3. The deadline for applications is Friday, February 27th at 5:00PM. Award recipients will receive complimentary one day registration for the 2026 CLA Annual Conference and will be notified in early April.
4. You must be enrolled in, but have not yet graduated from (with at least one course remaining to complete your studies in the fall), one of the following:
 - a. An ALA-accredited certification program (i.e. Certified Public Library Administrator)
 - b. An LTA program
 - c. A bachelor's degree (BA or BS) in Library Science
 - d. A Library Media Specialist degree
 - e. An ALA-accredited MLS/MLIS degree
 - f. A PhD in Library Science
5. Please send the official transcript from your current academic program by 5:00PM on Friday, February 27th, 2026. A minimum 3.0 GPA is required for scholarship eligibility. Students who have matriculated, but not yet begun classes should submit the official transcript from their previous degree. Transcripts should be emailed directly from the institution to clascholarship@gmail.com.
6. Applicants should instruct those providing letters of recommendation to send them via email to clascholarship@gmail.com. Letters of recommendation submitted by the applicant will not be accepted.
7. 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.
8. Individuals will be eligible to receive awards valued up to a maximum of \$1,000. 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.