

2018 WLA Membership/Professional Development Scholarship

The purpose of this scholarship is to provide WVLS new directors and support staff the opportunity to attend a Wisconsin Library Association-sponsored conference to enhance professional development. Applicants can choose to attend the Wisconsin Association of Public Libraries (WAPL) Conference in May, or the WLA Conference in October. It is also meant to serve as a tool to develop technology and presentation skills. Also, the post-conference assignment is intended to reinforce/develop the scholarship winner's technology and presentation skills.

People who are selected for the scholarship will also be awarded a one-year membership to WLA.

The benefits of being a WLA member include:

- Meeting and networking with other library professionals
- Developing new skills that can enhance your career
- Improving and supporting library services for the people in your community
- Becoming an advocate for libraries and library workers

Three scholarships worth \$700 will be issued in 2018. Up to \$500 in scholarship funds will be issued for the conference, and up to \$200 will be issued for the WLA Membership.

Scholarship Guidelines and Stipulations:

1. The scholarship is open to WVLS member library support staff, or first-time library director as of July 1, 2016.
2. Those who wish to apply must complete an online application by the deadline. Notifications will be given within 3 days after the application deadline.
3. The scholarship is not a match, meaning applicants will not have to match the amount of money they are receiving.
4. Applicants must attend the WAPL Conference or the WLA Conference in full in 2018. Scholarship winners are expected to make their own conference arrangements, including registration, lodging and travel. Scholarship winners are also expected to join the WLA membership program, and will be reimbursed for this expense once a reimbursement request and copy of WLA receipt is submitted to WVLS.
5. Once the conference is completed and an expense form is submitted by the scholarship winner to WVLS, they will be reimbursed for the amount up to (but not to exceed) \$500.

6. Within three months of the conference, scholarship winners will be expected to conduct a 30-minute webinar on what was learned and how they will apply this to their library/career. This webinar will be part of the WVLS Continuing Education schedule and will be broadcast state-wide. The WVLS Education Consultant will work with the applicants on this timeline, and on focusing on a topic, presentation and delivery.

Conferences:

WAPL Conference

May 2-4, 2018

Country Springs Hotel & Conference Center

Pewaukee, WI

<http://wla.wisconsinlibraries.org/wapl/conferences-events/wapl-conference>

WLA Annual Conference

October 23-26, 2018

Radisson La Crosse and La Crosse Convention Center

<http://wla.wisconsinlibraries.org/events-conferences/annual-conference/wla-conference-home>

The online application can be found here: <https://goo.gl/forms/HPUnM2FyHBhQAAtL2>

The deadline to apply is Tuesday, April 3, 2018.

If you have any questions about this scholarship, please contact Jamie Matczak at WVLS at jmatczak@wvls.org or 920-455-0668.

2018 WLA Membership/Professional Development Scholarship Application

Please answer the questions completely. The application deadline is by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, April 3.

* Required

Name *

Your answer

Library *

Your answer

Work Title *

Your answer

Phone and Email *

Your answer

Supervisor *

Your answer

Are you a library director? (If no, skip the following question) *

Yes

No

If you are a library director, did your position begin after July 1, 2016?

Yes

No

For what conference would you use this scholarship? *

2018 WAPL Conference (May 2-4, Pewaukee)

2018 WLA Conference (October 23-26, La Crosse)

In 100 words or fewer, describe your primary role(s) at your library? *

Your answer

In what areas would you like to improve? *

Your answer

How would attending this conference assist you in developing these improvement areas? *

Your answer

When was the last time you attended a WLA-sponsored conference? *

Your answer

If, for some reason, I cannot abide by the scholarship requirements, I agree to reimburse WVLS for the full amount tendered. *

I Agree.

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Connect Belong Learn Lead Advocate

CONNECT

You are

- connected to a profession, not just a job
- immersed in learning best practices from a diverse group
- at a nexus where issues, actions and ideas are shared

BELONG

You become

- part of a bigger community representing libraries of all types and sizes and library staff and supporters at all levels
- a member of a strong network of people passionate about libraries
- a contributor through volunteering and leadership

LEARN

You have access to

- annual spring and fall conferences, webinars and WLA member-led learning opportunities
- mentorship opportunities
- information exchange and alerts through newsletters, blogs, social media
- opportunities to hone presentation skills and share expertise

LEAD

You can

- be a change agent on behalf of libraries in Wisconsin
- hone your leadership skills on committees, boards, as unit leaders and on state-wide library projects
- be part of formal leadership training at the annual Leadership Development Institute

ADVOCATE

You develop into

- a knowledgeable advocate in your community
- a strong advocate within your institution
- a skilled political advocate for libraries with elected officials
- a benefactor of the strong legislative agenda and efforts of WLA legislative efforts

WLA – the Benefit is... YOU!

Join/renew today!

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