**2019 Youth Services WLA Membership/Professional Development Scholarship**

The purpose of this scholarship is to provide WVLS youth services staff an opportunity to attend a WLA-sponsored conference in 2019. The person selected for the scholarship will also be rewarded a one-year membership to the Wisconsin Library Association (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 library workers

One scholarship worth $700 will be issued in 2019. 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 any WVLS public library member who has a minimum of one year of experience working in youth services.
2. Scholarship winners **must** join the Youth Services Section as one of their two free sections included with their WLA membership.
3. Those who wish to apply must complete an online application by the deadline. Notifications will be given within 10 days after the application deadline.
4. The scholarship is not a match, meaning applicants will not have to match the amount of money they are receiving.
5. Applicants must attend a WLA-sponsored conference in full, in 2019.
6. Once the conference is completed and an expense form is submitted, scholarship winners will be reimbursed for the amount up to (but not to exceed) $500.
7. The scholarship winners are expected to make their own conference arrangements, including registration, lodging and travel. They are also expected to enroll in the WLA membership program, and will be reimbursed once an invoice is submitted.
8. Within one month of the conference, scholarship winners will be expected submit a two-page report to WVLS (a form will be provided) that will be submitted to the WVLS Board of Trustees and made available on the WVLS website.

**Conferences:**

**WAPL Conference**

May 1-3, 2019

Central Wisconsin Convention + Expo Center

10101 Market Street
Rothschild, WI
<http://wla.wisconsinlibraries.org/wapl/conferences-events/wapl-conference>

**WLA Annual Conference**October 8-11, 2019

Kalahari Resort & Convention Center
Wisconsin Dells, WI

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

[The online application can be found here](https://goo.gl/forms/eEDk6Gv59bMLgOv03).

**The deadline to apply is by 5 p.m. on Friday, March 15, 2019.**

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