**Overview**

The Wisconsin Valley Library Service (WVLS) will offer one scholarship for a director, branch manager, or manager of a member public library to attend the 2020 ALA Annual Conference in Chicago, June 25-30. The 2020 conference will feature pre-conference workshops, concurrent sessions, and an exhibit hall with companies/vendors relevant to the profession. **Completed applications must be received by WVLS by March 9, 2020.**

More conference details can be found on the ALA Conference website: <https://2020.alaannual.org/>.

**The Scholarship**

The ALA scholarship is a full scholarship valued at $1,500, and includes the following:

* Conference registration
* Transportation to/from the conference
* Conference lodging
* Meals

**Eligibility and Requirements**

* Applicants must submit a completed and signed application before the scholarship deadline.
* Applicants must be a WVLS member public library director, branch manager, or manager.
* Preference will be given to applicants who have not attended an ALA Conference.
* The scholarship is not a match, meaning applicants will not have to match the amount of money they are receiving.
* Applicants must attend the ALA Conference in full, in 2020.
* 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) $1,500.
* The scholarship winner is expected to make their own conference arrangements, including registration, lodging and travel.
* Scholarship winners must share their conference experience and knowledge gained with library colleagues via a written report submitted to WVLS within 30 days of the conference (a form will be provided).

**To Apply**

The scholarship application form is available on the WVLS website at: <http://wvls.org/scholarships-and-grants/>

Questions about the scholarship may be directed to Jamie Matczak at 920-455-0668 or jmatczak@wvls.org.

2020 ALA Scholarship Application

To be completed by the applicant.

Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Have you attended an ALA conference? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

 If yes, what year did you last attend? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Essay**

How will your library benefit from your attendance at this conference? Please provide specific examples. This should be no more than one page in length.

By applying, I acknowledge that accepting this scholarship is contingent upon my attending the 2020 ALA Conference. If I am unable to attend, I will notify WVLS immediately.

Also, within 30 days of my return from the conference, I will submit a written report of what I learned at the conference to WVLS.

Should I be unable to fulfill these requirements, I understand that I may be asked to reimburse WVLS for the scholarship within 90 days of the conference.

Applicant Signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**To be completed by the Public Library Board of Trustees President**

If granted a scholarship \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ has the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 (Applicant Name) (Name of Library)

board’s permission to attend the 2020 ALA Conference in Chicago. The Library Board of Trustees understands that the applicant will be required to share what they learned at the conference via a written report submitted to WVLS within 30 days of the conference and that should the applicant not fulfill the requirements of this scholarship, the applicant or library may be asked to reimburse WVLS for the scholarship within 90 days of the conference.

Public Library Board President’s Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Public Library Board President’s Signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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