



WVLS 2022 PLA Conference Scholarship Overview and Application

Overview

The Wisconsin Valley Library Service (WVLS) is awarding scholarships to area library staff to attend the national 2022 Public Library Association (PLA) Conference.

Offered biennially, the PLA Conference—the premier event for public library professionals—is an opportunity for librarians, library support staff, trustees, friends, and library vendors from across the country and around the world to reconnect with one another, recreate the services they provide, and revitalize the passion for the work they do every day.

The 2022 PLA Conference will be held in Portland, OR and will run from March 23-25. **The scholarship application deadline is Friday, December 10.** More conference details can be found here: <https://www.placonference.org/index.cfm>.

The WVLS PLA Conference Scholarship

The PLA Conference Scholarship is a full scholarship. Valued at \$2,800, this scholarship includes the following:

- A one-year membership in PLA
- Early Bird Conference registration
- Air Transportation
- 4 nights of conference lodging
- Meals
- Airport parking and mileage

Timeline:

- Application Open: Monday, November 22
- Application Deadline: Friday, December 10
- Recipients Announced: Friday, December 17
- Conference Early-Bird Registration Deadline: Friday, January 7, 2022
- PLA Conference: March 23-25, 2022

Eligibility and Requirements

- Applicant must complete and submit a signed application before the scholarship deadline to WVLS.
- Applicant must currently work at a WVLS member public library.
- Applicant must have two years of experience working in public libraries.
- Applicant is expected to make their own conference arrangements, including air fare, registration, and lodging.
- Preference will be given to applicants who have not attended a national library conference.

- The WVLS PLA Conference scholar is expected to 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 be eligible, the application, including the essay, must be emailed to Jamie Matczak by the end of the day on Friday, December 10, at jmatczak@wvls.org.



2022 PLA Scholarship Application

To be completed by the applicant.

Name _____

Public Library _____

Population Served by your Library _____

Have you attended a PLA 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 2022 PLA 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 2022 PLA Conference in Portland, OR. 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 _____