**Overview**

The Wisconsin Valley Library Service (WVLS) is awarding scholarships to member library staff to attend the IUG 2025 Conference in Denver, Colorado on March 13-15, 2025.

Offered annually, the IUG Conference consists of three general conference days, with dozens of sessions ranging from general interest to specialized topics. Many opportunities are given to meet and share ideas with other librarians from around the world. Programs are prepared by individuals from member libraries and members of the Innovative Interfaces staff.

**The scholarship application deadline is 6:00 p.m. on Friday, January 24.** More conference details can be found here: <https://www.innovativeusers.org/iug_2025.php>

Valued at $2,500, this scholarship can be used to cover such travel expenses as:

* Regular Conference Registration (pre-conferences are not covered)
* Roundtrip Economy Class Air Transportation
* Up to 4 nights of conference lodging (including transportation to/from airport)
* Wisconsin airport parking and mileage to/from airport
* IUG Membership
* Optional Networking Lunch (Ticketed event on Saturday, March 15)

*Note: The scholarship does not cover meals not covered by the conference registration.*

 **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 technical services in public libraries at the time of application, with advanced experience in Sierra preferred.
* Applicant must attend all three days of the conference, from March 13-15.
* 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 scholars are 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).
	+ Track all expenses and cover expenses not listed above.

To be eligible, a completed application and essay must be emailed to Jamie Matczak at jmatczak@wvls.org by 6 p.m. on Friday, January 24.

 WVLS IUG 2025 Conference

**To be completed by the applicant**

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Have you attended a national conference or the IUG 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 IUG 2025 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**

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 (Applicant Name) (Name of Library)

board’s permission to attend IUG 2025 Conference in Denver, CO. 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\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_