2022 SCLA SCHOLARSHIP

PREPARING NEW LIBRARIANS

The Suffolk County Library Association, serving Suffolk County libraries since 1939, offers an academic scholarship to assist an outstanding library school student in subsidizing the cost of their library school education, and to promote the profession by supporting an excellent student pursuing a Library or Information Science Master's Degree in Suffolk County.

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Who May Apply?

The SCLA Scholarship is awarded to a student pursuing a Library or Information Science Master's Degree, who has already completed 12 credits from an accredited library school. The applicant must be a current member of the Suffolk County Library Association (SCLA), a resident of Suffolk County, and demonstrate academic excellence and a commitment to a career in librarianship.

What is the application procedure?

1. Complete an application form. The application includes listing education, work experience, membership in honor societies, professional organizations, scholarships, honors, and community/civic/volunteer experiences.

Requests for applications can be e-mailed to the SCLA Scholarship Committee Chairperson, Brian Schwartz, at bschwartz@pmlib.org OR mailed to Brian Schwartz, Patchogue-Medford Library, 54-60 East Main Street, Patchogue, NY 11772. Applications may also be downloaded directly from the SCLA website at: http://scla.net/awards/

2. Write a personal statement of no more than 300 words describing your career interests, goals, and commitment to the library profession.

3. Secure three references to be sent to the SCLA Scholarship Committee Chairperson. *Forms are provided in the application.*

4. Obtain unofficial transcripts showing 12 completed credits.

When must applications be filed?

Completed applications, including all references, must be postmarked no later than **September 1st**. Applications that are not completed by that date cannot be considered. Persons who provide references for applications should be informed of this deadline.

When is the award presented?

Applicants will be notified regarding their status by **September 15th**. Formal announcement of the award winner will be made at the Annual Fall Dinner Meeting of the Suffolk County Library Association in October.

How is the Award paid?

The $1,000 award is paid by check and is presented to the winner who will be a guest at the SCLA Annual Fall Dinner Meeting. The scholarship award, however, is not contingent upon attendance at the dinner.

FOR MORE INFO PLEASE CONTACT:

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