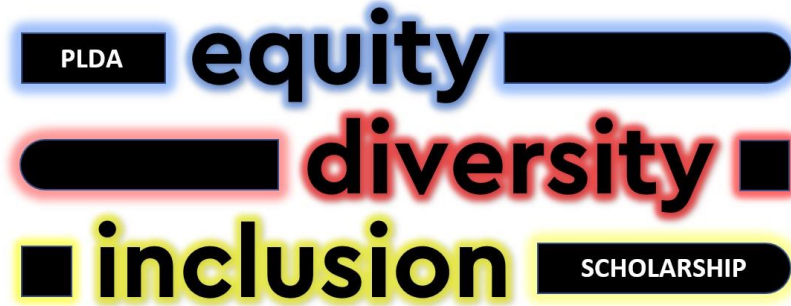


Public Libraries Directors Association of Suffolk County, NY



PLDA EDI Scholarship Application 2024

The Public Libraries Directors Association (PLDA) of Suffolk County, NY affirms its commitment to diversity and inclusion by offering a \$5,000 scholarship to two eligible applicants. The **PLDA EDI** scholarship focuses on increasing the recruitment and retention of a new generation of racially and ethnically diverse librarians in the library profession. The scholarship award will also include a mentorship with a current Suffolk County Library Director.

Instructions for application:

1. Complete applications are to be emailed to the attention of the *PLDA Scholarship Committee* at plda.scholarship@gmail.com
2. Matriculated students should attach college transcripts (unofficial acceptable)
3. Attach Personal Statement and a current resume to your application
4. Applications will be accepted from November 1 – November 31, 2024

Eligibility & Preference

1. Graduate students who identify as American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian, Black/African American, Hispanic/Latino, Middle Eastern/North African and/or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander.
2. Currently enrolled or attending (full/part-time status) an ALA-accredited graduate program in Library and Information Studies or an AASL-recognized School Library Media Program.
3. Preference will be given to Suffolk County residents or outside residents employed by a Suffolk County Library.

Name

Address/Street

City

State/Zip Code

Telephone

Email Address

Statement of Assurance

All of the information on this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. If asked by the committee, I agree to give proof of information that is given on this form. Also, I understand that if proof is not provided if asked, the applicant may not be considered for the scholarship.

Applicant's Signature

Date

PLDA EDI Scholarship Application 2024 (continued)

State the ALA-accredited graduate program to which you have been accepted/begun studies. The selection committee will expect that an awardee will begin studies no later than the following semester after the granted award.

List all library-related graduate school program activities and/or other professional organizations in which you have participated.
Attach additional pages if necessary.

Personal Statement

Submit a typewritten, short essay describing how your life experiences or skills can contribute to a more diverse, equitable and inclusive field of librarianship in the future. How could you use your degree to make lives better in your community? *Limit to one page.*

Submission of Application

Email application and attachments to the attention of the *PLDA Scholarship Committee* at plda.scholarship@gmail.com

Attachments must include:

- Completed Application
- College Transcript (unofficial acceptable) *Required for matriculated students only*
- Personal Statement
- Current Resume

Application submissions will be accepted from November 1 – November 30, 2024.

Awards will be presented to winners at the annual PLDA Luncheon on December 13, 2024.