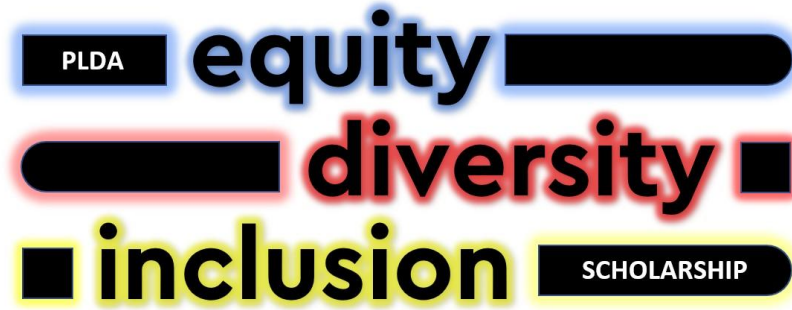


Public Libraries Directors Association of Suffolk County, NY



### PLDA EDI Scholarship Application 2025

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.

#### *Instructions for application:*

1. Complete applications are to be emailed to the attention of the *PLDA Scholarship Committee* at [plda.scholarship@gmail.com](mailto: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 October 3 – November 7, 2025

#### **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.

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#### **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.

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Applicant's Signature

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Date

## PLDA EDI Scholarship Application 2025 *(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.

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

*Attach additional pages if necessary.*

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### Personal Statement

Submit a typewritten, short essay drawing on your unique background and experiences, describe a new library program/service that you think would make a strong impact in a public library. Identify the needs of the group it would affect and how they could benefit. *Limit to one page. Personal statements must be written by you and should not be generated or edited by AI.*

### Submission of Application

Email application and attachments to the attention of the *PLDA Scholarship Committee* at [plda.scholarship@gmail.com](mailto: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 October 3 – November 7, 2025.

Awards will be presented to winners at the annual PLDA Luncheon on December 19, 2025.