

SCLA Scholarships 2026

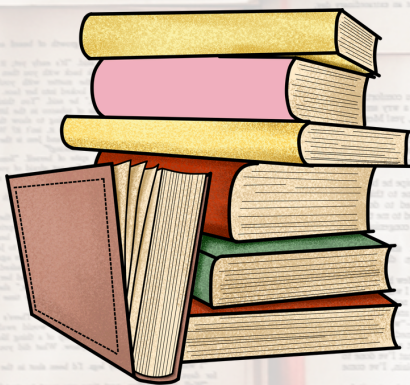
The Suffolk County Library Association, serving Suffolk County libraries since 1939, offers two yearly academic scholarships.

Preparing New Librarians

This scholarship assists 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 science degree in Suffolk County.

Continuing Education for Library Support Staff

This scholarship assists a library support staff member who is pursuing academic or career-related coursework that will enhance and contribute to their library duties, as well as benefit libraries.



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**SUFFOLK COUNTY
LIBRARY ASSOCIATION**

Continuing Education for Library Support Staff

Who May Apply?

Current employees of a library or library system in Suffolk County with a minimum of three years of consecutive service and a current membership in the Suffolk County Library Association (SCLA). Applicants must be pursuing academic or career-related coursework, be a resident of Suffolk County, and demonstrate a dedication to library service. Previous recipients of the SCLA Continuing Education Award for Library Support Staff may not apply again.

What is the application process?

Complete the [2026 Continuing Education for Library Support Staff application](#). Please note, you will be required to have 3 references and will need to submit an unofficial transcript showing your completed continuing education credits.

When is the application deadline?

All applications, and supporting documents, are due no later than midnight on September 1, 2026. Any applications or supporting documents received after this deadline will not be accepted.

When is the scholarship awarded?

Applicants will be notified regarding their status by October 5. The \$500 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 is not contingent upon attendance at the dinner.

Preparing New Librarians

Who May Apply?

The SCLA Scholarship for Preparing New Librarians 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.

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Complete the [Preparing New Librarians application](#). Please note, you will be required to have 3 references and will need to submit an unofficial transcript showing your completed MLS degree credits.

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