



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.

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 student must be a current member of the Suffolk County Library Association, a resident of Suffolk County, demonstrate academic excellence and a commitment to a career in librarianship.

WHAT IS THE PROCEDURE FOR APPLYING?

Candidates will complete an **application form** listing their education, prior experience, and membership in honor societies, professional organizations, scholarships, honors, and community/civic/volunteer experiences. In addition, the candidate must submit a **personal statement** of no more than 300 words describing career interests, goals, and a commitment to the profession. The applicant must secure three **references** to be sent, on forms provided, directly to the SCLA Scholarship Committee. Requests for **applications** can be mailed to the SCLA Scholarship Committee Chairperson, Angela Richards, Northport-East Northport Public Library, 151 Laurel Avenue, Northport, NY 11768 or e-mail arichard@suffolk.lib.ny.us

WHEN MUST APPLICATIONS BE FILED?

Completed applications, including all references, must be postmarked no later than **September 1st** of the year in which the award is to be made. Applications, including all transcripts and personal references, that are not received by that date will not 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 **October 1st**. Formal announcement of the award winner will be made at the Annual Fall Dinner Meeting of the Suffolk County Library Association in November.

HOW IS THE AWARD PAID?

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

PLEASE SEND AN APPLICATION FOR THE SCLA SCHOLARSHIP AWARD TO:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

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Please print information
