



Vermont Library Association

Graduate Program Scholarship

To be eligible for a scholarship, an individual:

- Must be enrolled in an MLS/MLIS program
- Must be an active individual VLA member (institutional memberships are not eligible)
- Must live in Vermont and/or work in a Vermont library and
- Must not have received a scholarship from VLA in the past 2 years.

The scholarship will be administered by the Vermont Library Association Scholarship Committee. The committee reserves the right not to award a scholarship if qualified applicants are not found. Priority will be given based on monetary need and potential for involvement, leadership, and commitment to Vermont libraries.

Application Deadline: November 15th (postmark)

Once completed, this application can be emailed to lisa.milchman@norwichlibrary.org or can be printed and mailed to:

VLA Awards & Scholarship Committee
c/o Lisa Milchman
Norwich Public Library
PO Box 290.
Norwich, VT 05055

Graduate Student Scholarship Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Town: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

College or University Name and Address where you are (or will be) studying library science:

Expected Graduation Date: _____ Degree Sought: _____

Cost per credit hour: _____ # hours enrolled (per semester): _____ Amount requested: _____

Please list any other sources of financial aid (scholarships, grants, employer funds, etc.):

If applicable, what library do you work for? (Library Name, Town, State):

How long have you worked there? _____

Job title/duties: _____

Scholarship recipients are expected to write a brief article about their experience in their graduate program for the VLA News. Would you be willing to write an article about your experiences at the end of this school year? _____

Please attach a personal statement regarding why you are requesting a scholarship. This statement should document your work, professional experience, specialization and goals, financial need, and your potential contributions to the field of librarianship and should not exceed more than one page in length.

Attachments required with this application include:

- Personal statement
- Documentation of Vermont residency or of being currently employed by a Vermont library. *
- Two professional letters of references, one of which is from a work supervisor or school advisor.
- A letter of acceptance to the program or documentation of grades from the past semester (if you are an on-going student.)

Approved by the Vermont Library Association Board, May 8, 2013.

*A suitable form of documentation of residency must include a physical Vermont address (not a PO box). Examples of suitable documentation include a state driver's license, passport, utility bill, rental lease, or recent paystub from a Vermont library.