

# SCLA 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 member of the Suffolk County Library Association for three (3) months, 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. In addition, official transcripts from the school's registrar are to be sent directly to the scholarship chairperson. **Requests for applications can be e-mailed to the SCLA Scholarship Committee Chairperson, Alexandra Mercado, at alexandra.mercado@sachemlibrary.org or mailed to Alexandra Mercado, Sachem Public Library, 150 Holbrook Road, Holbrook, NY 11741.**

## WHEN MUST APPLICATIONS BE FILED?

Completed applications, including all references and transcripts, must be postmarked no later than **September 15th** 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 SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTED?

Applicants will be notified regarding their status by October 1<sup>st</sup>. 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 SCHOLARSHIP PAID?

The \$1,000 award is paid by check and is presented to the winner who will be a guest at the SCLA Annual Fall Dinner Meeting.

## PLEASE SEND AN APPLICATION FOR THE SCLA SCHOLARSHIP AWARD TO:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_



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