

SUFFOLK COUNTY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

**2021 CONTINUING
EDUCATION AWARD
FOR LIBRARY SUPPORT STAFF**

The SCLA Continuing Education Award for Library Support Staff is a cash award made to a library employee 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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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 commitment to a career in libraries and dedication to library service.

Who May Not Apply?

Previous recipients of the SCLA Continuing Education Award for Library Support Staff may not apply again. If you are a student pursuing your master's degree in Library or Information Science please apply for SCLA's Preparing New Librarians Scholarship.

What is the application procedure?

1. Complete an application form.

Requests for applications can be e-mailed to the SCLA Scholarship Committee Chairperson, Emma Lodato, at emma@bbplibrary.org OR mailed to Emma Lodato, Bayport-Blue Point Public Library, 203 Blue Point Ave. Blue Point, NY 11715. Applications may also be downloaded directly from the SCLA website at: <http://scla.net/awards/>

2. Write a personal statement of no more than 300 words describing your commitment and dedication to library service and explain to the best of your ability, what academic/career-related coursework you would utilize the monetary award for.

3. Secure three references to be sent to the SCLA Scholarship Committee Chairperson. *Forms are provided in the application.*

When must applications be filed?

Completed applications, including all references, must be postmarked no later than **September 15th**. Applications that are not completed by that date cannot 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 October.

How is the Award paid?

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 award, however, is not contingent upon attendance at the dinner.

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