

# 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 (SCLA) 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?

1. 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.
2. Applicants must submit a **personal statement** of no more than 300 words describing career interests, goals, and a commitment to the profession.
3. Candidates must secure three references to be sent, on the forms provided, directly to the SCLA Scholarship Committee.
4. Official transcripts from the school's registrar are to be sent directly to the scholarship chairperson.
5. **Requests for applications can be e-mailed to** the SCLA Scholarship Committee Chairperson, Emma Lodato, at [emma@bbplib.org](mailto:emma@bbplib.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/>**

## WHEN MUST APPLICATIONS BE FILED?

Completed applications, including all references and transcripts, 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 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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