

**SUFFOLK COUNTY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION**

# **2022 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@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/>*

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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