

2024-2025 WLA SCHOLARSHIP Application

- Which WLA Scholarships are you applying for?
 - **Maryan E. Reynolds scholarship** - \$1000 - \$3000 to one or more WLA members who is enrolled in an ALA-accredited Masters degree program and has completed at least one semester or quarter.
 - **Hahn-Ahlers Continuing Education Scholarship** - \$1000 to a WLA member toward a degree, certificate, or graduate-level study in the Library or Education fields.
 - **John Stanford Continuing Education Scholarship** - \$1000 to a current WLA member of color toward a degree, certificate, or graduate level study in the Library or Education fields.
 - **Denny Bond Library Paraprofessional Scholarship** - \$500 or \$1000 to a current school library paraprofessional and WLA member toward participation at a local or national library-related conference, workshop, or educational event. Eligible for the WLA 2025 Conference! Sponsored by the WLA School Library Division.
 - **Sharon Bates Professional Growth Scholarship** - \$500 or \$1000 to a current school library employee and WLA member toward participation at a local or national library-related conference, workshop or educational event. Eligible for the WLA 2025 Conference! Sponsored by the WLA School Library Division.
 - **WALE Continuing Education Scholarship (not available this year)** - \$1000 to a WALE member toward a degree, certificate, or graduate-level study in the Library or Education fields. *Sponsored by WALE (Washington Library Employees, a section of WLA)*
 - **WALE Library Paraprofessional Scholarship (not available this year)**: up to \$1000 to a current library paraprofessional and WALE member toward participation at a local or national library-related conference, workshop, or educational event. *Sponsored by WALE (Washington Library Employees, a section of WLA)*

PART I

Please provide a personal statement of no more than 500 words that addresses the following topics:

- How does your work/study support WLA's commitment to equity, diversity, and inclusion principles?
- What efforts have you led in support of your school or community?

- What are your goals and plans for further education and/or professional development?

Please answer the following questions:

Question 1: What current or previous involvement have you had with WLA?

Question 2: Please describe your financial need for the scholarship, including information the committee needs to consider, such as grants or scholarships already received, personal responsibility for financing education or experience, etc. This information will be kept confidential.

Question 3: Should you receive a scholarship from WLA, in which of the following activities will you participate as a way to give back to the WLA community:

- Write an article for *Alki: The Washington Library Association Journal*
- Participate in a Q & A session for future scholarship applicants
- Participate in a WLA interest group or committee
- Volunteer at WLA's annual conference or other event
- Other idea for participating in WLA (Please write-in)

PART II

Attach to your application:

- Your current resume
- Letters of recommendation
 - **For the Maryan E. Reynolds Scholarship, Stanford Scholarship, and Hahn-Ahlers Scholarship applicants:**
 - Three (3) letters of recommendations, with at least one from a professor or advisor in your MLIS program. Please include a copy of the recommendation form, found on the WLA Scholarship webpage, with each letter.
 - **All other scholarship applicants:**
 - Two (2) letters of recommendation, with at least one from someone who knows your work, such as a supervisor, advisor, teacher or professor. Please include the recommendation form, found on the WLA Scholarship webpage, with each letter.
- Transcript (Maryan E. Reynolds Scholarship applicants only)
 - **Maryan E. Reynolds Scholarship Applicants ONLY:** Please attach a copy of an official transcript from the MLIS program you are attending, showing work completed during your last semester or quarter.