

## **Oregon Library Association MLIS Scholarships Program**

The Oregon Library Association offers financial assistance for eligible Oregon residents enrolled or planning to enroll in ALA-accredited masters' degree programs in library and information science. The deadline for submitting applications for the next academic year is on or close to March 1. To check the deadline, and to apply, go to the scholarships catalog of the Oregon Student Assistance Commission at [www.getcollegefunds.org](http://www.getcollegefunds.org) and find OLA's scholarship program by searching for program 471.

If you miss this year's deadline, be sure to check the OSAC scholarship catalog next October, when OLA's scholarship application process re-opens. Scholarship awards decisions are made annually in June.

The Oregon library Association's MLIS Scholarship Program is supported in whole or part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services through the Library Services and Technology Act, administered by the Oregon State Library, and through the generosity of OLA members who have donated to the scholarship fund. OLA members are encouraged to make donations to support this OLA initiative by using the MLIS Scholarship Contribution Form at [www.olaweb.org](http://www.olaweb.org) in the Membership section.

## **Oregon Library Association Scholarship Program Rules**

*The Oregon Library Association Scholarship program was established in 2006 to promote access to the services of professional librarians for all Oregonians.*

### **Eligibility**

Applicants for awards must be U.S. citizens or eligible non-citizens and Oregon residents who are enrolled or planning to enroll in a graduate course of study that results in a Master of Library Science or comparable degree at an eligible, post-secondary institution, and meet their institutions' credit hour requirements to receive financial aid. Oregon Library Association (OLA) membership is preferred.

**First priority** for award shall be given to applicants who are entering the final year of a program resulting in the MLS or comparable degree

and who are currently working full- or part-time in, or on leave of absence from, an Oregon library.

**Second priority** shall be given to applicants who are entering the second year of a program resulting in the MLS or comparable degree and who are currently working full- or part-time in, or on leave of absence from, an Oregon library.

**Third priority** shall be given to applicants who have applied to and have been accepted for enrollment at an eligible institution for the purpose of earning the MLS or comparable degree and who working full- or part-time in, or are on leave of absence from, an Oregon library.

### **Eligible Institutions**

Eligible institutions include any four-year, public or private, nonprofit, postsecondary institution in the United States that has an ALA-accredited Master of Library Science, or comparable, program and is eligible to participate in federal Title IV student financial aid programs.

**Preference** will be given to students enrolled in or accepted for enrollment at the Emporia State University School of Library and Information Management (SLIM) program based at Portland State University or at the University of Washington iSchool.

### **Terms of Eligibility**

Awards will be made on an annual basis. Applicants must apply and compete annually. Awards may be received for a maximum of nine quarters or their equivalent.

### **Application Procedure**

Interested persons may apply by completing the Oregon Student Assistance Commission Scholarship Application, available through college financial aid offices or the Oregon Student Assistance Commission (hereinafter referred to as the "Commission"), 1500 Valley River Drive, Suite 100, Eugene, OR 97401. Applications may also be completed on-line through the Commission's website [\*\*www.GetCollegeFunds.org\*\*](http://www.GetCollegeFunds.org).

Applicants must submit transcript(s) of all college work completed through January 1 of the application year, displaying cumulative grade point averages.

All applicants must complete a federally approved need analysis form as soon after January 1 as possible (allowing 4 weeks for processing).

Applicants shall attach an additional essay (250-350 words):  
"Describe your experience living or working in diverse environments."

All materials related to the application must be received by the Commission by March 1.

