

## NEW ENGLAND LIBRARY ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

**Purpose:** The New England Library Association scholarship program provides financial assistance for worthy students pursuing a Master's Degree in Library Science.

**Eligibility:** An applicant must be:

1. A **New England resident** who would be likely to stay and work in the region.
2. A full or part-time student (a) who is attending an ALA-accredited library school in New England or New York or an ALA-accredited program offered in the New England states, and (b) who is pursuing a Master's Degree in Library Science. The applicant need not be an entering student.
3. Someone with a demonstrated need for financial assistance.

**Funding:** Two full-time scholarships and two part-time scholarships are awarded annually. Funds come from interest on the Memorial Endowment Fund, as well as any funds raised by NELA and specifically reserved for the Educational Assistance Committee.

**Criteria:** Scholarship recipients will be selected on the basis of their responses to an essay question concerning professional goals and objectives.

### **Procedures:**

1. The Educational Assistance Committee sends (by **February 1st**) applications, with a cover letter to explain the procedures to accredited New England and New York library schools and to schools offering ALA-accredited Master's programs in New England.
2. Candidates complete applications and submit them to the Deans of their library schools by **March 15th**.
3. Each library school administration selects two eligible candidates (one full-time, one part-time) and forwards those applications (postmarked by **April 1st**) to:

Chairperson, Educational Assistance Committee  
New England Library Association  
31 Connor Lane  
Wilton, NH 03086

4. The Educational Assistance Committee evaluates the applications and makes a recommendation to the NELA Executive Board for action at the May board meeting.
5. The president of NELA awards the scholarships at the Annual Conference in the fall.

**APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP**

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*Note:* The scholarship winners will be invited to attend the NELA Annual Conference at the expense of the Association (includes registration, lodging and meals).

**Please complete this form on a typewriter, or write or print clearly.**

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 [ ] Full-time student [ ] Part-time student Social Security# \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Library School: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Address while attending school (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

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Daytime phone: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Evening phone: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Knowledge of NELA scholarship gained through \_\_\_\_\_

**Academic Training:**

College/University	Location	Dates attended	Degree/Major	Year Graduated
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Honors, prizes, or scholarships received for academic excellence:

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Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Financial Status:**

Estimated Annual cost of attending Library School of your choice:

Tuition \_\_\_\_\_  
Books and Fees \_\_\_\_\_  
Transportation \_\_\_\_\_  
Living expenses\* \_\_\_\_\_  
  
TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

\*Please itemize living expenses on a separate sheet. including board, room. clothing, dependents, etc.

Approximate funds you expect or hope to have at the beginning of the school year and their sources:

Scholarship/grants \_\_\_\_\_  
Spouse, parents or relatives \_\_\_\_\_  
Self-earned \_\_\_\_\_  
Loans \_\_\_\_\_  
Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_  
  
Total \_\_\_\_\_

Additional funds expected for educational purposes \_\_\_\_\_

Please list all sources:

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What other grant or aid requests are you filing? Please state sources and amounts.

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What are your professional goals and objectives in pursuing a Master's Degree in Library Science? Please attach separate sheets.

Total credits you expect to complete towards your degree by the end of spring term this year \_\_\_\_\_

When do you expect to graduate (month/year)? \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Experience:**

Please indicate position held, employers, locations, dates employed: (Resume may also be attached)

Library \_\_\_\_\_

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Other \_\_\_\_\_

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**Professional Memberships/Activities:**

Name of Organization

Position Held

Dates

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**Personal References:**

Please name three persons (not members of your family) including, if possible, an employer, librarian, and/or professor under whom you have studied:

Name

Position

Address

Phone

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2. \_\_\_\_\_

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3. \_\_\_\_\_

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