

**KENTUCKY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION**  
**SCHOLARSHIP FOR MINORITY STUDENTS**  
**SUBMISSION INFORMATION AND APPLICATION**

The purpose of the Kentucky Library Association (KLA) Scholarship for Minority Students is to encourage minority candidates who show excellence in scholarship and potential for accomplishment in librarianship. The scholarship will be granted to a Kentucky student entering or continuing their library education in an American Library Association (ALA) or National Council for Teacher Education (NCATE)-accredited library school. The recipient also receives a one-year student membership in KLA and free student registration at the KLA annual meeting.

**ELIGIBILITY**

- The applicant must be a member of a minority group. A minority group is defined by the current U.S. guidelines as American Indian, Alaskan Native, Black (not of Hispanic origin), Hispanic (including persons of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, and Central or South American origin), Pacific Islander or other ethnic group.
- The applicant must be entering and have been accepted into an ALA-accredited or National-accredited (NCATE) library school or must have completed no more than half of his or her program in these areas at the time the award is made.
- The applicant must be a citizen of or have permanent residence status in the United States.
- The applicant must be a resident of Kentucky or applying for one of the accredited library programs in Kentucky.
- A past recipient of the KLA Scholarship for Minority Students is ineligible.

**TERMS**

- The applicant must submit the completed application by **July 1, 2015**.
- The applicant must submit a minimum of three letters of reference from persons not related to the applicant. The letters of reference should be from persons who are knowledgeable about the applicant's character, education, and abilities. Letters of reference must be submitted by **July 1, 2015**.
- By **July 1, 2015**, an official transcript from each college or university attended must be sent directly from the respective institution that grants either baccalaureate degree or library study degree.
- The applicant must include a statement of career objectives, why they have chosen librarianship as a career, reason for applying for this scholarship and any other pertinent information that the applicant would like the Scholarship Committee to know with the submitted application form.
- A scholarship of \$1,000.00 paid in two equal installments, in August and January, will be awarded to the recipient.
- The period of disbursement will not exceed one year past the date of the KLA annual meeting.
- Depending on the qualifications of the candidates, the committee may recommend that a scholarship not be awarded in a given year.
- The committee will acknowledge applications upon receipt via email.

**SELECTION PROCESS**

Scholarship committee members will consider: 1) Cumulative undergraduate GPA and graduate school GPA (if applicable) and accomplishments; 2) academic merit and potential; 3) statement of objectives, in terms of content and style; and 4) letters of recommendation.

Please return the completed application form and statement of career objectives, plus a copy of all related documents to: **Chair, Minority Scholarship Committee, Kentucky Library Association, 1501 Twilight Trail, Frankfort, KY 40601; (502) 223-5322; fax, (502) 223-4937; email [info@kylibasn.org](mailto:info@kylibasn.org).**



Anticipated date of library school degree

8. Will you be a full-time student?     Yes                       No

9. \_\_\_\_\_  
If not, how many courses will be taken each term? *(Please specify quarter or semester.)*

**PART II: EDUCATION**

10. Please have forwarded an official transcript of your scholastic record from each college or university which you have attended by **July 1, 2015** to: **Chair, Minority Scholarship Committee, Kentucky Library Association, 1501 Twilight Trail, Frankfort, KY 40601.**

a. Attach a photocopy of your library school's catalog or Web page, which states the number of credits needed for your degree.

11. List in chronological order all colleges, universities, and professional schools attended, with the most recent first.

<b>Institution</b>	<b>Major and minor</b>	<b>Dates attended</b>	<b>Degree received/ pending and year</b>
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**PART III: EXPERIENCE**

12. List all full time or otherwise significant jobs you have held, starting with the most recent.

<b>Employer's name/address</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Nature of duties</b>
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**PART IV: OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

13. Honors, scholarships, or prizes that you have received:  
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14. Membership in honor societies and professional organizations:  
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15. Activities and interests (campus, community, other):  
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PART V: REFERENCES

16. Three reference forms are enclosed. **References must be received by July 1, 2015 in order for an application to be considered.** List below the individuals from whom you have requested references. **All references must be sent directly to: Chair, Minority Scholarship Committee, Kentucky Library Association, 1501 Twilight Trail, Frankfort, KY 40601.**

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17. Attach a short essay (no more than 500 words), typed only, describing your career objectives, why you have chosen librarianship as a career, reason for applying for this scholarship, other pertinent information that you would like the Scholarship Committee to know and how your immediate academic plans contribute to their attainment. Please submit the essay with the application form.

Information supplied by me on this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, and I understand that misrepresentation may cause denial or withdrawal of the scholarship.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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LETTER OF REFERENCE**

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