



Dear Applicant:

Online Application packet for 2019 Virginia Library Association Scholarship

DEADLINE: SUBMIT BY MARCH 1, 2019

Submit completed application *by e-mail* to Lisa Varga at vla.lisav@cox.net

The Virginia Library Association awards two \$2500 scholarships for students pursuing a Masters degree in Library Science at ALA accredited schools. One of these, the Clara Stanley Scholarship, is awarded by the VLA Professional Associates Forum (VLAPAF). Another is sponsored by the Virginia Public Library Directors Association (VPLDA).

The eligibility requirements for the VLA Scholarships are:

- Residence in the state of Virginia or currently employed in a Virginia Library.
- Undergraduate degree.
- Acceptance by **or currently enrolled in** an American Library Association accredited library school **or a pending application for admission**. MUST be earning a Master of Library Science Degree (MLS, MLIS, MSLIS, MSIS).
- Membership in the Virginia Library Association.
- For the Clara Stanley VLAPAF Scholarship: current employment at a Virginia library is required.

The major factors considered in making the awards are:

- Evidence of commitment to a career in librarianship in Virginia.
- Financial need.
- Potential for outstanding achievement in the library profession.
- Academic excellence.
- Membership in the Virginia Library Association.

In order to be considered, your application including two (2) references is to be submitted by March 1, 2019. You must have two (2) references, one of which must be a librarian. A link to the Recommendation Form is available on the VLA web site. This form must be submitted by the reference persons themselves.

The Scholarship committee will review applications during the spring and you will be notified of the Committee's decisions in late April. If you have any questions about any aspect of the application process, please contact: Michael Hibben, Roanoke County Public Library System, mhibben@roanokecountyva.gov, (540) 777-8778.

2019 – VLA Scholarship Committee

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Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ MI: _____
 Street: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
 Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____
 Fax Number: _____ E-mail Address: _____
 Resident of Virginia Since: _____ OR Employed in a Virginia Library Since: _____
 VLA Member Since: _____ **Are you currently working in a Virginia Library? _____
***Required to be eligible for the Clara Stanley VLA Paraprofessional Forum Scholarship*

I have **applied for admission to** **been accepted to** or **am currently a student at** the following ALA accredited library school(s):

Name of School	Accepted?	Entry Date	Estimated Complete Date	Earning what degree?

I belong to the following professional organizations:

Organization	Dates	Activities

Describe community, civic, or volunteer work:

Organization	Dates	Activities

Employment: Outline your employment record, beginning with your *most recent* position.

Dates	Employer	Employer Address	Nature of Work

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Education: List the colleges, universities, and professional schools at which you earned a degree or received credit. Please include current course work. Please show the scale used when calculating grade point average (GPA) e.g. "3.5 on a 4 point scale" or "85 on a 100 point scale").

Institution/Place	Dates Attended	Major/Minor	Degrees & Date	GPA & Scale

List any scholarships, fellowships, or honor received during undergraduate and graduate school:

Financial Information: This information is required to assess the financial need of each applicant. It will be treated as confidential information and used only for the purpose of applicant evaluation by the scholarship committee.

Student's Name

Number in Household

Gross Income

Annual household income (Adjusted Gross Income from last line of form 1040)

Other scholarship funds or grants

Tuition reimbursement by employer per class

Any other sources of income

Monthly Expenses

General Expenses: (utilities, vehicles, mortgage/rent, childcare, travel)

Medical

Loans

Special financial obligations or responsibilities

Other - Please list below

Other:

Proposed MLS college expenses

College tuition per class

Textbooks per class

Computer Software/Hardware

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Other expenses associated with classes

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NAME OF APPLICANT: _____

NARRATIVE: Please refer to the factors listed in the cover letter.

In the two (2) pages provided, please indicate specific competencies or characteristics you believe you have to offer the field of librarianship, noting those activities which indicate your potential for achievement in the profession. Include your plans for professional work after completion of your proposed plan of study and a statement of your commitment to a career in librarianship in Virginia.

REFERENCES:

Please provide two references from individuals, but not relatives, who are well-acquainted with your educational background, scholastic abilities, and personal character. *One (1) of the two (2) references must be a librarian or other information professional employed in the state of Virginia.* Please direct your references to the link available on the VLA web site. They **MUST** submit the information themselves directly to Lisa Varga at vla.lisav@cox.net

CONDITIONS:

An application will not be considered unless the following conditions are met:

1. A completed application is submitted to the committee by March 1, 2019.
2. Two letters of reference are submitted by the evaluators by March 1, 2019.

AGREEMENT:

I agree that if I am awarded the Virginia Library Association Scholarship, I will complete a minimum of two (2) courses in library science at an ALA accredited school to which I have been accepted. I will provide the Chair of the VLA Scholarship Committee with an informal written report by the end of the first semester or quarter. Upon the completion of the minimum two (2) courses, I also agree to provide a final report and official transcript, no later than July 1, 2020. Please type your name below.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

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Name of applicant:
