

**Application packet for 2021 Virginia Library Association Scholarship**

**DEADLINE: SUBMIT BY April 9, 2021**

Submit completed application *by e-mail* to Lisa Varga at [vla.lisav@cox.net](mailto:vla.lisav@cox.net)

Dear Applicant:

The Virginia Library Association will award three $2500 scholarships for students pursuing a Master’s degree in Library Science at ALA- accredited schools.  The Clara Stanley Scholarship is awarded by the VLA Professional Associates Forum (VLAPAF); the CDR Alexander C. Varga Memorial Scholarship and the VLA Scholarship are provided by the Virginia Library Association.

The eligibility requirements for 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. MUST be earning a Master of Library Science Degree from an ALA-accredited institution.
* 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 April 9, 2021. You must have two (2) references. One (1) of the two (2) references must be a librarian or other information professional employed in the state of Virginia. 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 in April and you will be notified of the Committee’s decisions in early May. If you have any questions about any aspect of the application process, please contact: Kerri Copus, Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library, [kcopus@mfrl.org](mailto:kcopus@mfrl.org), (540) 382-6969.

2021 – VLA Scholarship Committee

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| 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 been accepted to, or am currently a student at, the following ALA-accredited library school:**

| **Name of School** | **Entry Date** | **Estimated Completion Date** | **Earning what degree?** |
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**I belong to the following professional organizations:**

| **Organization** | **Dates** | **Activities** |
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**Describe community, civic, or volunteer work:**

| **Organization** | **Dates** | **Activities** |
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**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** |
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| **List any scholarships, fellowships, or honor received during undergraduate and graduate school:** |
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**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.

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| **Student’s Name** | |  | | |
| **Number in Household** | |  |  | |
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| **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 | | | |  |
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| **Proposed MLS college expenses** | | | |  |
| College tuition per class | | | |  |
| Textbooks per class | | | |  |
| Computer Software/Hardware | | | |  |
| 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](mailto: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 April 9, 2021.
2. Two letters of reference are submitted by the evaluators by April 9, 2021.

**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, 2022. Please type your name below.

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| **Signed:** |  | **Date:** |  |

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