

Outside Scholarship Opportunities for MMLIS Students

Students in our MMLIS program often seek various sources of funding for their graduate studies – including private and/or federal loans, assistance from family or friends, and application to various scholarship resources. Listed here are various outside scholarship opportunities for your reference.

Important notes: we do not have further information on these organizations, nor do we endorse any, and we encourage students to contact the organizations directly for more information. Additionally, the information provided below is subject to change by each organization, so please see their individual websites for accurate and timely details.

Additionally, the USC Office of Academic Honors and Fellowships oversees a number of scholarship opportunities for graduate students, many of which are open to MMLIS students. You may search the [Awards and Fellowship Database](#) for opportunities.

AALL Degree Candidate Scholarships

Amount: \$2,000

Each year, the American Association of Law Libraries awards scholarships to assist individuals in meeting their educational goals in the field of legal information. Scholarships are available to assist individuals studying to become law librarians as either a library or law school student, or to library school graduates seeking an advanced degree in a related field. Preference is given to AALL members, but scholarships are not restricted to members. Financial need must be demonstrated to apply for scholarships. For more information or to apply, please visit the scholarship provider's website.

American Association of Law Libraries (AALL)

The AALL offers various funding opportunities for professionals in the field of legal information. Scholarships are available to assist individuals studying to become law librarians or library school graduates seeking an advanced degree in a related field. Preference is given to AALL members and applicants with law library experience. Evidence of financial need must be submitted.

ALA Christopher J. Hoy/ERT Scholarship

Amount: \$5,000

To be eligible for the ALA Christopher J. Hoy/ERT Scholarship, applicants must: be a U.S. or Canadian citizen or permanent resident; attend an ALA accredited master's program; must not have completed more than 12 semester hours or one-third of the required semester hours towards MLS/MLIS/MIS prior to June 1 of the year awarded; and must submit a complete application.

ALA David H. Clift Scholarship

Amount: \$3,000

The ALA David H. Clift Scholarship is offered to a U.S./Canadian citizen or permanent resident who is pursuing an MLS in an ALA-accredited program. Applicants must have no more than 12 semester hours towards MLS/MLIS/MIS prior to June 1 of year awarded.

ALA LITA/Christian Larew Memorial Scholarship

Amount: \$3,000

The LITA/Christian (Chris) Larew Memorial Scholarship is designed to encourage the entry of qualified persons into the library and information technology field, who plan to follow a career in that field, and

who demonstrate academic excellence, leadership, and a vision in pursuit of library and information technology. This scholarship is for study in an ALA Accredited Master of Library Science (MLS) program. Economic need is considered when all other criteria are equal.

ALA Mary V. Gaver Scholarship

Amount: \$3,000

The ALA Mary V. Gaver Scholarship is offered to a U.S./Canadian citizen or permanent resident who is pursuing an MLS specializing youth services in an ALA-accredited program. Applicants must have no more than 12 semester hours towards MLS/MLIS/MIS prior to June 1 of year awarded.

ALA Miriam L. Hornback Scholarship

Amount: \$3,000

The Miriam L. Hornback Scholarship is offered to an ALA or library support staffer who is a U.S./Canadian citizen or permanent resident who is pursuing an MLS in an ALA-accredited program. Applicants must have no more than 12 semester hours towards MLS/MLIS/MIS prior to June 1 of year awarded.

ALA Tom & Roberta Drewes Scholarship

Amount: \$3,000

Established with a donation from the founder of Quality Books, the ALA Tom & Roberta Drewes Scholarship is offered to library support staff currently working in a library who is a U.S. or Canadian citizen or permanent resident. Student must be attending ALA-accredited master's program with no more than 12 semester hours towards MLS/MLIS/MIS prior to June 1st of year awarded.

ALA Tony B. Leisner Scholarship

Amount: \$3,000

The Tony B. Leisner Scholarship is offered to a library support-staff member who is a U.S./Canadian citizen or permanent resident pursuing an MLS in an ALA-accredited program. Applicants must have no more than 12 semester hours towards MLS/MLIS/MIS prior to June 1 of year awarded.

Alice L. Haltom Educational Fund

Amount: \$2,000

The Alice L. Haltom Educational Fund operates exclusively for charitable, literary and educational purposes, especially in connection with the study, research, and dissemination of information, with respect to records and information management and related fields. Students who are U.S. Citizens and actively pursuing undergraduate and post-graduate degrees related to careers in information and records management are eligible to apply.

ALISE Research Grant Competition

Amount: \$5,000

The Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE) is now accepting proposals for its Research Grant Program Competition. An award of one or more grants totaling \$5,000 may be made to support research broadly related to education for library and information science. The Research Grant Award cannot be used to support a doctoral dissertation.

ALSC Frederic G. Melcher Scholarship

Amount: \$8,000

The Frederic G. Melcher Scholarship provides financial assistance for the professional education of men and women who intend to pursue an MLS degree and who plan to work in children's librarianship. This work may be serving children up to and including the age of 14 in any type of library.

The American Indian Library Association (AILA) Virginia Mathews Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to an American Indian individual who lives and works in the American Indian community, and who is enrolled, or has been accepted and will enroll, in a master's degree program at a university with a program accredited by the American Library Association. The applicant must be enrolled as a member of a federally recognized tribe, be able to demonstrate sustained involvement in the American Indian community and sustained commitment to American Indian concerns and initiatives and be enrolled a minimum of 6 hours each semester.

American Library Association Spectrum Scholarship

Amount: \$5,000

To be eligible for the American Library Association Spectrum Scholarship, applicants must: be a citizen or permanent resident of the U.S. or Canada; be American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian, Black/African American, Hispanic/Latino, Middle Eastern/North African, and/or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander; and must attend an ALA-accredited graduate program in library and information studies or an ALA-recognized NCATE School Library Media program. Must be enrolled in an accredited program and must be able to meet the requirement to maintain a minimum course load of two classes per semester.

APAA Scholarship

Although all ethnic backgrounds can apply, special consideration is given to Asian Pacific students or students that have made an impact in the Asian Pacific community. Must be a full-time student enrolled in a USC degree program or who will be enrolled for the entire academic year. Applicant must have achieved a minimum of an overall 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale in high school or college course work. Scholarships are awarded using both merit and need-based criteria.

APALA Scholarship Program

Amount: \$1,000

Each year, the Asian Pacific American Librarians Association (APALA) hosts a scholarship program to provide financial assistance to a student of Asian or Pacific Islander heritage who has been admitted into an ALA-accredited master's or doctoral program in library and information science. Qualified candidates must be of Asian/Pacific Islander heritage, have APALA membership with good standing, be enrolling in library school full or part-time by this fall, and agree to serve on the scholarship committee the following year.

The Association of Jewish Libraries (AJL) Scholarship

A \$1000 scholarship is awarded to a student enrolled or accepted into a graduate program of library and information science at an ALA accredited school. Additionally, the student is awarded free full conference registration. Scholarships are awarded to promising students with a history of participating in Judaic studies or libraries and accepted into or attending an accredited graduate school of library and information science. The scholarship is merit-based not need based. The applicant must show completion of Jewish Studies courses at an academic level or extensive participation in less formal Jewish studies or experience working in Judaica libraries or any combination of the above.

Atla Diversity Scholarship

Atla will provide one scholarship for \$4,000 USD to a student from an underrepresented population enrolled in an ALA-accredited master's program in library and information science. The scholarship also includes the option of a travel grant to attend and participate in the following Atla Annual. The awardee can choose to participate in the Atla Annual by presenting or creating a poster on a particular topic with the support of the members of the sponsoring Atla Committee for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI).

Bernard Vavrek Scholarship Award

Amount: \$1,000

In the amount of \$1,000, the Bernard Vavrek Scholarship Award is granted by the Association of Bookmobile and Outreach Services (ABOS) annually to graduate students who are presently enrolled in a master's degree program for library and/or information science. Eligible applicants must attend an ALA-accredited library school in the United States, maintain a minimum overall GPA of 3.0, and demonstrate a clear interest in outreach or bookmobile librarianship. The application requires a transcript, personal narratives, and two letters of recommendation.

Beta Phi Mu Scholarships

Beta Phi Mu, the international honor society for library and information studies, awards several scholarships and awards each year. The awards range from \$150 for continuing education support to \$2,250 for those in the first part of their master's degree. All of the scholarships have unique eligibility requirements. Click on the individual links for specific eligibility requirements.

Bound to Stay Bound Books Scholarship

Amount: \$8,000

The Bound to Stay Bound Books (BTSB) Scholarship provides financial assistance for the education of men and women who intend to pursue an MLS or advanced degree and who plan to work in the area of library service to children. This work may be serving children up to and including the age of 14 in any type of library.

Brass Student Travel Award

\$1,250 monetary prize to travel and attend the ALA Annual Conference and a one-year membership in the Business Reference and Services Section of RUSA. Applicants should have demonstrated interest in a career as a business reference librarian, and a potential to be leaders in the profession. Applicants must be enrolled in an ALA accredited master's program.

Caroline M. Hewins Scholarship

This scholarship is in honor of one of the great pioneers in American Librarianship, Caroline M. Hewins, and provides an annual award of \$4000. The scholarship is open to those who plan to specialize in library work with children, who have received or are about to receive a four year undergraduate degree, and who have applied for admission or are already attending an ALA accredited library school. Preference is given to applicants who plan to pursue a career in public library service.

The Chinese American Library Association (CALA) Scholarships

The CALA offers several scholarships to qualified students who are studying for advanced degrees in library sciences every year. These awards are reserved for full-time students who are of Chinese heritage and who have shown commitment to the library sciences field. Applicants also must be

enrolled in an ALA-accredited master's or doctoral program of library and information science and be full-time.

Christian Larew Memorial Scholarship

Amount: \$3,000

Within the Library and Information Technology Association (LITA) of the ALA, the Christian Larew Memorial Scholarship is granted each year to students enrolled in an ALA-accredited Master of Library Science (MLS) program in America who plan to follow a career in the library and information technology field. Eligible students must demonstrate potential for leadership and have not earned more than 12 graduate credits.

CLA Scholarship for BIPOC Students in Memory of Edna Yelland

Amount: \$2,500

The CLA Scholarship for Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) Students in Memory of Edna Yelland encourages and supports students in the attainment of a graduate degree in library or information studies and encourages commitment to the improvement of library services to BIPOC communities. A maximum of three scholarships are awarded each year. Recipients are each awarded \$2,500, a one-year student membership to CLA, and honored at the CLA annual conference. Recipients are encouraged to enroll into CLA's Mentoring Program.

Coalition For Networked Information (CNI) Paul Evan Peters Fellowship

Amount: \$5,000

These fellowships are awarded in honor of CNI founder Paul Evan Peters and strive to award candidates who have a commitment to the use of digital information and advance technology, an interest in civic responsibilities, a positive and creative approach to overcoming challenges, and humanity and imagination. This fellowship is awarded every other year and provides funding of \$2,500 per year for two consecutive years of study in a master's program in library sciences, information sciences, or another closely related field. Applicants should be enrolled at an ALA accredited university.

E.J. Josey Scholarship Award

Amount: \$2,000

Through the Black Caucus of the American Library Association (BCALA), the E.J. Josey Scholarship Award is distributed for \$2,000 annually for African American students who are currently enrolled in or accepted by ALA-accredited graduate programs in library science. For consideration, eligible candidates must submit an original essay with at least six bibliographical references to address how librarians can maintain traditional resources in today's virtual world and serve an increasingly diverse community of library users.

Frederic G. Melcher Scholarship

Amount: \$6,000

Sponsored by the ALA's Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC), the Frederic G. Melcher Scholarship is presented annually for \$7,500 to two outstanding men and women who intend to earn a Master of Library Science (MLS) degree to work in children's librarianship to serve youth up to age 14. Recipients will be chosen based on their academic achievement, leadership qualities, previous library work experience, personal qualifications, citizenship, and commitment to working with children in any kind of library. Finally, applicants may not have earned more than 12 semester hours toward their degree prior to June 1 of the year awarded.

George A. Strait Minority Scholarship

Amount: Varies

In honor of an outstanding law librarian and AALL member. Applicants must be enrolled in an ALA accredited library graduate school program, be a member of a recognized minority group (as defined by current US guidelines) and intend to pursue a career in law librarianship.

Ginny Frankenthaler Memorial Scholarship

Amount: \$1,000

Sponsored by the Southeastern Library Association (SELA), the Ginny Frankenthaler Memorial Scholarship is granted every two years to a beginning professional librarian who is pursuing an ALA-accredited master's degree in library and/or information science in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, or West Virginia. Applicants must demonstrate potential leadership, carry a minimum overall GPA of 3.0, and agree to work for one year in a library in the Southeast.

The Hubbard Scholarship

Amount: \$3,000

The purpose of the The Hubbard Scholarship of the Georgia Library Association is to recruit excellent librarians for Georgia and provide financial assistance toward completing a master's degree in library science. The recipient must be completing the senior year in an accredited college or university or be a graduate of such an institution. The recipient must be accepted or enrolled in a master's degree program at a library school accredited by the ALA. Recipients must maintain a passing grade average throughout the program and agree to work for one year in a library-related capacity in Georgia.

James S. McPhee Memorial Scholarships for Library Science Education

Amount: \$5,000

Created by the Nevada Library Association (NLA) in remembrance of an advocate for school library programs who spearheaded instruction at UNLV until his passing in 1995. The James S. McPhee Memorial Scholarship is delivered for \$5,000 annually. Qualified recipients must be eligible for admission to an ALA-accredited library science program, wish to become certified as a school librarian, intend to pursue full-time employment in Nevada, and be NLA members in good standing.

Jewell Gardiner Memorial Scholarship Fund

Amount: \$1,000

Each semester, the California School Library Association (CSLA) provides the Jewell Gardiner Memorial Scholarship to outstanding graduate students who are currently enrolled in a Teacher Librarian Credential Program. Eligible applicants must be graduate students attending a university or four-year college, US citizen, not attending high school currently, residents of California, and studying Library and Information Sciences.

Latino Alumni Association

The USC Latino Alumni Association provides partial-tuition scholarships to USC undergraduate and graduate students who have demonstrated a strong commitment to the Latino/Hispanic community. Scholarship awards range from \$1,000 to \$5,000 per academic year for graduate students. Applicants must be enrolled as full-time students with a cumulative 3.0 GPA. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of need and/or merit.

The Library & Information Technology Association (LITA) Scholarships

LITA is a branch of the American Library Association (ALA) that focuses on the use of high-tech systems and applications in libraries. They offer a variety of scholarships which award qualified students financial support.

Maryan E. Reynolds Graduate Scholarship

The Maryan E. Reynolds Graduate Scholarship is granted through the Washington Library Association (WLA) to students who have successfully completed at least one semester in an ALA-accredited program leading to a master's degree in library and information science. Eligible students must be Washington Library Association members and will be evaluated based on demonstration of potential for leadership and commitment to libraries, need and desire for scholarship, and current or previous involvement with WLA or plan to be active during the academic year.

Medical Library Association Scholarships

The MLA awards three different kinds of scholarships including two directed for underrepresented students. The general requirement is that the candidate must be enrolled in or entering an ALA-accredited library school. Click the individual links for further information on each scholarship.

Music Library Association Diversity Scholarship

The Music Library Association Diversity Scholarship offers candidates from under-represented groups the opportunity to pursue a master's degree in library and information science with financial support. To be eligible, students must have applied to or be enrolled in an ALA-Accredited master's in library science program with a concentration, certificate, courses, or a career interest in music librarianship.

The North American Serials Interest Group (NASIG) Fritz Schwartz Serials Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to a graduate student in library or information sciences who demonstrate excellence in scholarship and the potential for accomplishment in a serials career. The purpose of the scholarship is to advance the serials profession by providing an aspiring library student who has prior serials experience with enhanced educational opportunities.

Peter Lyman Memorial Scholarship

Amount: \$2,500

Sponsored by Sage Publications, the Peter Lyman Memorial Scholarship is presented for \$2,500 annually through the American Library Association to graduate students who have applied for admission to a formal master's degree program in library and information science. Qualified candidates must be accepted at an ALA-accredited school, have U.S. or Canadian citizenship, have not completed more than 12 graduate credits, be pursuing a specialty area in new media, possess leadership qualities, and demonstrate academic excellence.

REFORMA Orange County

The Orange County Chapter of REFORMA seeks to support the recruitment and retention of bilingual Spanish/English students to the profession of librarianship through local REFORMA chapter scholarship funds. All current and future master's degree Library and Information Science students are encouraged to apply. Applicants must be a resident of Southern California or a resident of Orange County, CA, depending on the individual scholarship.

SCELC Library Science Student Scholarships

Several \$1,000 scholarships are awarded every year. The most outstanding applicant is awarded the \$1,500 Locke Morrissey Scholarship. To be eligible for an award you must be currently employed as professional or support staff at a SCELC member library, be currently enrolled in an ALA accredited graduate library science program and have not applied to graduate and have completed at least six credit hours at the time of application.

Sheila Suen Lai Scholarship of Library and Information Science

This scholarship awards \$500 to a full-time student at an ALA-accredited library school. This is a CALA scholarship.

The Society of American Archivists (SAA) F. Gerald Ham Scholarship

Award: \$10,000

This is one of three scholarships which the SAA offers to qualified graduate students in library sciences. Two F. Gerald Ham Scholarships are awarded to second-year graduate students in library sciences every year. Students must demonstrate exceptional achievement in their education and dedication to the field of library sciences.

The Society of American Archivists (SAA) Josephine Forman Scholarship

One of three scholarships offered by the SAA, this awarded is targeted towards minority students who are working for degrees in library sciences with a special focus on archival management. One recipient is awarded \$10,000 through this program every year. The Josephine Forman Scholarship is only offered to students whose academic programs have at least three SAA approved archival science courses. The recipient must have completed no more than half of their credit requirements and be enrolled in a graduate program for archival administration. The recipient must also be a citizen or permanent resident of the United States.

The Society of American Archivists (SAA) Mosaic Scholarship

The Mosaic Scholarship is one of three awards offered by the SAA for outstanding graduate students in the field of library science. The scholarship is targeted to minority students. The Mosaic Scholarship is awarded to a minority student who has completed no more than half of the credits required in their master's degree program. Up to two scholarships are awarded through this program annually. Candidates should demonstrate commitment to their field and must be attending a school which offers at least three approved archival sciences courses.

Southern California Association of Law Libraries (SCALL)

The purpose of the SCALL Scholarship is to reward current library school students living in Southern California who hold promise of future involvement in the law library profession. Applicants must demonstrate a sincere interest in law librarianship, live SCALL boundaries (San Luis Obispo County to the Mexican Border out to the Nevada and Arizona boundaries) and attend UCLA or a distance library school program.

Special Libraries Association (SLA) Karen Gersten Sternheim Memorial Scholarship

The Karen Gersten-Sternheim Memorial Scholarship is awarded annually by SLA-SCC to a student member pursuing a career in special librarianship. Applicants must be members of the Southern California Community of the Special Libraries Association. Participation in chapter and student chapter meetings and events will be taken into consideration in evaluating applications. Applicants must

demonstrate an interest in a career in special libraries and must be currently enrolled and taking classes in an ALA accredited master's program.

Spectrum Scholarship

Amount: \$5,000

The American Library Association sponsors the annual Spectrum Scholarship for minority students pursuing careers as librarians. The program is open to African-American, Hispanic-American, Asian-American, and Native-American students. To be eligible, applicants must be a citizen or permanent resident, be enrolled at least half-time in an accredited Library and Information Science program and become a member of the American Library Association. The scholarship is a one-time \$5,000 scholarship paid in two installments and \$1500 for professional development support.

Sue Marsh Weller Memorial Scholarship

Amount: \$1,000

Sponsored by the Indiana Library Federation (ILF), the Sue Marsh Weller Memorial Scholarship is awarded to a graduate student who is entering or currently enrolled in an ALA-accredited program in library science with a specialization in children's librarianship. Eligible recipients must be legal Indiana residents, maintain good academic standing, demonstrate a potential for delivering library services to youth, and agree to work in an Indiana library for at least one year after graduation.

Tom and Roberta Drewes Scholarship

Amount: \$3,000

The Tom and Roberta Drewes Scholarship is presented once each year by the American Library Association (ALA) to a library support staff member who is returning to graduate school to receive a Master of Library Science degree from an ALA-accredited school. Eligible individuals must be currently working in a library, have U.S. or Canadian citizenship, and have earned no more than 12 graduate credits.

Virginia Mathews Memorial Scholarship

Amount: \$2,000

Within the American Indian Library Association (AILA), the Virginia Mathews Memorial Scholarship is granted annually to one worthy graduate student who has been accepted and will enroll in a master's degree program for library and/or information science. Qualified applicants must be an enrolled member of a federally recognized tribe, be able to demonstrate sustained involvement in the American Indian community and sustained commitment to American Indian concerns and initiatives. an ALA-accredited school in the United States and take at least six credits per term. Priority is given to applicants who are employed at a tribal library or who are currently employed in a library serving American Indian populations.