



Professional Development Award (\$500) Midwest Chapter/Medical Library Association 2008 Application Information

Overview

The **Midwest Chapter/MLA Professional Development Award** supports the first-time attendance of Chapter members at the Midwest Chapter's Annual Meeting. Two awards of \$500 each are available each year.

The Chapter's 2008 conference is scheduled for October 17-21 at the Detroit Marriott Troy in Troy, Michigan. Please consult the Chapter's Web site (www.midwestmla.org) for additional meeting details.

Applicant Criteria

To qualify, applicants must be:

- A current Midwest Chapter member.
- A resident of one of the following states: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, North Dakota, Ohio, or Wisconsin.

In addition, applicants must have:

- A master's degree in library/information science.
- At least one year of experience as a professional librarian.*
- Never attended a Midwest Chapter Annual Meeting.

** Note: This requirement has been reduced from three years to one year as of 2008 to provide more Chapter members with the opportunity to apply.*

Application Requirements

Applications must include:

- A completed application form. See <http://midwestmla.org/committees/awards/>.
- A current resume or vitae.
- A letter from an administrator supporting the applicant's need for financial aid due to lack of institutional funds for travel or professional development.
- A cover letter describing what the applicant hopes to gain by attending the Midwest Chapter's Annual Meeting.

Applications for the 2008 Professional Development Awards must be received by **August 18, 2008**. Recipients will be notified by **September 1, 2008**.



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Selection of Recipients

The Midwest Chapter/MLA Awards and Scholarships Committee is responsible for evaluating all Award applications and selecting the recipients. The Committee reserves the right not to award any stipends if no applicants meet the requirements or none are deemed qualified.

Awards will be limited to one individual per institution per year.

Acceptance Criteria

Scholarship recipients will be asked to write a short article about their conference experience for *MIDLIN*E, the Midwest Chapter's newsletter.

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