



Professional Development Award 2009 Application Information

Overview

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

The Chapter's 2009 meeting is scheduled for **October 3-6** at the Hyatt on Capitol Square in Columbus, Ohio. Please see <http://midwestmla.org/conference2009/> for more information.

Applicant Criteria

To qualify, applicants must be:

- A current Midwest Chapter member.
- A resident of one of the following nine 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.

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 why the applicant is interested in and hopes to gain by attending the Chapter meeting.

Applications must be received by **August 24, 2009**.

Selection Process

The Midwest Chapter/MLA Awards and Scholarships Committee will select the recipients based solely on evaluation of the application materials received. The Committee reserves the right not to award any stipends if no applicants meet the requirements or none are deemed qualified.

Recipients will be notified by **August 31, 2009**. Awards will be limited to one individual per institution per year.

Acceptance Criteria

Recipients will be asked to write a short article about their conference experience for *MIDLINE*, the Midwest Chapter newsletter. Also, they will be introduced at the Chapter's Annual Business Meeting on **October 5, 2009**, and should be prepared to make a few brief comments.

For More Information

For additional information, please contact:

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Thank You!

Thank you for your interest in the Midwest Chapter/MLA!

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