

Overview

The **Midwest Chapter/MLA Annual Meeting Grant** supports the attendance of librarians and library staff at the Midwest Chapter/MLA annual meeting. Each grant includes a free full conference registration and \$500. One award is available for 2016.

The Chapter's 2016 meeting is scheduled for **October 21-25** in **Des Moines, IA**, at the Des Moines Marriott. Please see <http://midwestmla.org/meetings/> for additional information.

Eligibility/Applicant Criteria

- Member of the Midwest Chapter/MLA.
- Not eligible for the Student Annual Meeting Grant (library school students) or the First-Time Attendee Grant (first-time attendees).
- Have not received a Midwest Chapter award supporting meeting attendance within the past three years.
- Application letter describing financial need and what the applicant expects to gain professionally and personally from attending the meeting.

Priority consideration criteria (desired, not required):

- Currently employed in a health sciences library.
- Rural/isolated librarian.
- Solo librarian.
- Applicant is presenting (or has submitted) a paper or a poster at the meeting.
- Applicant has committee assignments.
- Travel distance/costs.

Application Requirements

Applications must include:

- A completed application form. See <http://midwestmla.org/committees/awards/>.
- A current resume or vitae.
- A letter from a manager or administrator supporting the applicant's need for financial aid due to lack of institutional funds for travel or professional development. Exception: This requirement is waived for applicants who are not currently employed and should be noted in cover letter (see below).
- An application letter describing why the applicant is interested in and hopes to gain by attending the Chapter meeting.

Applications must be received by May 16, 2016.

Selection Process

The Midwest Chapter/MLA Awards and Scholarships Committee will select the recipient 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.

The recipient will be notified by **June 6, 2016**.

Acceptance Criteria

Recipients will be asked to write a short article about their conference experience for *MIDLIN*, the Midwest Chapter newsletter. Also, they will be introduced at the Chapter's Annual Business Meeting and Luncheon on **October 24, 2016**, 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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