

Professional Development Award for First-Time Attendee of the Chapter's Annual Meeting 2018 Application Information

Overview

The **Midwest Chapter/MLA Professional Development Award** supports the first-time attendance of Midwest Chapter members at the Chapter's Annual Meeting. This grant includes a free full conference registration and **\$500**. One award is available for 2018.

The Chapter's 2018 meeting is scheduled for **October 5-8, 2018** in **Cleveland, Ohio**, at the Westin Cleveland Downtown. Please see <http://midwestmla.org/conference2018/> for additional information.

Applicant Criteria

To qualify, applicants must be:

- A current member of the Midwest Chapter/MLA.
- 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. *
- Never attended a Midwest Chapter Annual Meeting.

* *Library science students are encouraged to apply for the Chapter's Student Annual Meeting Grant.*

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).
- A cover letter describing why the applicant is interested in and hopes to gain by attending the Chapter meeting.

Applications must be received by **June 25, 2018**.

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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.

The recipients will be notified by **July 31, 2018**.

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 and Luncheon on **October 8, 2018**, 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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