



## Professional Development Award for First-Time Attendee of the Chapter's Annual Meeting 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.

Information about The Chapter's Annual Meeting is available to <http://midwestmla.org/>.

### 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
- 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**.



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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 15**.

### 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, held during the Annual Meeting, and should be prepared to make a few brief comments.

### For More Information

For additional information, please contact  
Awards and Scholarships Committee, Midwest  
Chapter/MLA

Email: [awards@midwestmla.org](mailto:awards@midwestmla.org)

### Thank You!

Thank you for your interest in the Midwest Chapter/MLA!  
<http://midwestmla.org>