ORANGE COUNTY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Each year the Orange County Library Association awards merit-based scholarships to students engaged in the study of library and information science.

On even years, a scholarship is awarded to a graduate student enrolled in the San Jose State University School of Library and Information Science or a student enrolled in the California State University, Long Beach Library Media Teacher Services Credential or Librarianship Master’s Degree and on odd years, two scholarships are awarded to students enrolled in the Santa Ana College Library Technology Program. The scholarship amount for graduate students is $500.00; the amount for undergraduates is $250.00.

All applicants should submit a resume and an essay not exceeding two pages that describes their personal background and professional goals and explains how their coursework, professional activities, and/or extracurricular activities they are involved in demonstrate the ways in which they are contributing to the school and library profession. The application must indicate the number/titles of courses completed and GPA. Members of the selection committee have the right to invite other faculty members to provide evaluations of applicants based on their observations of the applicants’ classroom performance.

Scholarships are announced in February of each year. The application deadline is March 28, and scholarships are awarded in May at the OCLA’s spring program.

All application documents must be submitted in print format via regular (or campus) mail.

SANTA ANA COLLEGE LIBRARY TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM

Qualifying criteria:

- Applicants must be continuing Santa Ana College Library Technology students
- Students may not apply for the scholarship during their last semester in the Program
- Applicants must be an Orange County resident or employed in an Orange County library
- Applicants must have completed at least two core courses in the Program with a B grade or better
- Applicants must be in good standing with the Program and may not have any outstanding incompletes

The following selection criteria apply when awarding the scholarship:

- Academic achievement, including Grade Point Average (GPA)
- Number of classes completed
- Overall quality of the essay (writing style and intellectual content)
• Membership, activity, and support in professional and/or community organizations
• Contributions to the library profession through volunteer projects, written works, or projects or programs

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA PROGRAM, SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE or CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LONG BEACH LIBRARY MEDIA TEACHER SERVICES CREDENTIAL OR LIBRARIANSHIP MASTER’S DEGREE

Qualifying criteria:

• Applicants must be an Orange County resident or employed in an Orange County library
• Applicants must have completed three core courses with a B grade or better in each course
• Applicants must be in good standing with the program and may not have any outstanding incompletes
• Students cannot apply for the scholarship during their last semester in the program

The following selection criteria apply when awarding the scholarship:

• Academic achievement, including GPA
• Number of classes completed
• Overall quality of the essay (writing style and intellectual content)
• Student’s engagement in and support of the program and/or local, state, national, and international library and information communities (e.g., serving as a staff or active member of an association, volunteer programs, written works, or projects/programs)

For further information, please contact the President of OCLA.