

The Children's Book Award

Description

This award promotes excellence in Canadian children's book publishing by promoting and awarding a monetary prize to a Canadian children's author or illustrator.

Eligibility/Criteria

- Any Canadian children's author or illustrator who have been nominated in the past three years for a children's book award program may apply to this fund to support a library or community organization visit in a small or rural community anywhere in Canada.
- Applicants can apply for up to \$500 to offset expenses of visits to public or school libraries or community organizations in small and rural communities (populations served under 20,000).
- Expenses may include:
 - Travel costs
 - Workshop materials
 - Honourariums
 - Other expenses

Application Procedure

- The application form can be completed at <https://awards.accessola.com/childrens-book-award/> and must include:
 - Name and contact of author/illustrator
 - Name of award author/illustrator nominated for
 - Year of award author/illustrator nominated for
 - Name and contact of library, school, or community organization being supported
 - Population of community being served
 - Amount of funding requested
 - Approximate expenses to be incurred
- Applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis.

Selection Procedure

- Eligible applicants will be assessed according to the set criteria.
- The Fund Development Committee with a CFLA representative will review applicants, select recipients, and provide a report to the OLA Board.

Award Procedure

- Successful applicants will be required to send in an expense claim form to OLA with supporting expense materials, which will be reimbursed up to \$500.
- Recipients of the fund will be documented on the OLA website and in the OLA annual report.

History of this fund

The following motion was approved at the June 2016 OLA Board Meeting:

Motion to receive restricted charitable funds from CLA due to the dissolution and to be disbursed in accordance with CRA rules and regulations.

OLA received The Children's Book Award fund upon dissolution of the Canadian Library Association. The criteria for disbursement to eligible recipients was changed in consultation with the Canadian Federation of Library Associations, as the original CLA children's book awards no longer exist.