

## The Scholarship Fund

### Background

Awarded annually, when merited to a student entering or before the final term of a school offering an accredited master's degree in library and information studies or a library technician diploma. Consideration is given to academic achievement, leadership potential and demonstrated interest in the profession.

### Eligibility/Criteria

- Scholarship candidates must be commencing or before their final semester in studies for their first professional library/information science degree at an institution offering an ALA accredited masters degree in library and information studies or in a library technicians diploma program.
- Canadian citizenship or permanent resident status is a requirement.
- Applicants must provide a resume, a letter of intent that includes reason for pursuing these studies, and proof of enrollment in the program
- The scholarship amount of up to \$5,000 will be disbursed directly to the institution for the candidate's tuition.

### Application Procedure

- The application form can be completed at <https://awards.accessola.com/the-scholarship-fund/> and must include:
  - Name and contact of applicant
  - Resume
  - Letter of intent
  - Proof of enrolment
  - Name of post secondary institution
  - Confirmation of Canadian citizenship or permanent resident status
- Applications are accepted throughout the year.

### 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

- Applicants will be notified in advance of the commencement of their school term. Funds will be issued directly to the institution.

### 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.



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OLA received The Scholarship Fund upon dissolution of the Canadian Library Association. The criteria for disbursement to eligible recipients was reviewed in consultation with the Canadian Federation of Library Associations.