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The Scholarship Fund

OLA has a commitment to diversity and inclusion that includes strategies to increase educational and ultimately employment opportunities in the library sector for Black, Indigenous and People of Colour.

Are you, or do you know of a BIPOC student enrolling or enrolled in a Canadian library and information program? The OLA Scholarship Fund has been designated for BIPOC student candidates.

The Scholarship fund typically provides funding up to \$5,000 annually. To apply to this fund please fill out the application form: <https://forms.office.com/r/y5H5wvkGXg>

OLA wishes to expand the Scholarship fund to establish the BIPOC Undergraduate Student Partner Grant Program. This grant program would invite libraries, archives, and other information organisations to submit work-study project proposals for BIPOC undergraduate work-study students at Canadian universities and colleges.

This new grant program aims to introduce BIPOC undergraduate students to the profession and encourage interest in LIS work. Donations to support this initiative are welcome.

Application Procedure

• The application form can be completed at [https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=UAAbvDZFo0-
<https://forms.office.com/r/y5H5wvkGXg>](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=UAAbvDZFo0-https://forms.office.com/r/y5H5wvkGXg) 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



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and to be disbursed in accordance with CRA rules and regulations. 2 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.