

The Scholarship Fund

Description:

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 provides tuition support to BIPOC students pursuing LIS education (MLIS or LT diploma or equivalent) in Canada.

The Scholarship fund typically provides funding up to \$5,000 annually. To apply for this fund please fill out the application form: [The Scholarship Fund \(accessola.com\)](https://accessola.com)

Donations to support this initiative are welcome.

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. 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.

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 master's 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 a 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:

The application form can be completed at [The Scholarship Fund \(accessola.com\)](https://accessola.com) 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

Selection Procedure:

- Eligible applicants will be assessed according to the set criteria listed above.
- The Fund Development Committee with a CFLA representative will review all applicants and select recipients.

Award Presentation:

- Once selected, staff will notify the applicants (winning submission and non-winning submissions) by August 31.
- The winning submission will be required to submit a final report on how they used these funds and will be shared in OLA publications such as the Annual Report.
- Funds will be issued directly to the Institution.