OLA/OSLA Ken Haycock Super Conference Grants

Description
Dr. Ken Haycock granted the Chancellor Group Conference Grant to the Association for Teacher-Librarianship in Canada to honour its founding members. This fund was subsequently assumed by the Canadian Association of School Librarians and the Canadian Library Association (CLA). A travel grant of $500 was to provide support to newly qualified teacher-librarians (the “TL”) to attend the annual conference of the CLA.

In 2016, CLA dissolved and transferred the Grant to OLA to continue supporting new teacher-librarians and their professional development. The re-named grant, the OLA/OSLA Ken Haycock Super Conference Grants, now provides the same $500 travel grant to new teacher-librarians to attend the annual OLA Super Conference.

Grants
The maximum grant awarded is $500 each year, either awarded to one recipient, or split between two recipients as $250 each.

Eligibility/Criteria
☐ The Grant shall be awarded to a newly qualified teacher-librarian (TL) who has graduated within the previous five (5) years,
☐ The nominee is not obligated to be an OLA or OSLA member

Nomination Procedure
☐ There is no obligation for the nominator to be a member of OLA or OSLA.
☐ The nomination form can be completed at filling out the form at accessola.com/funding-opportunities/ola-funds/
☐ The nominator must include the following:
  ○ Brief biography/resume of the nominee outlining their achievements and library background.
  ○ Two (2) letters endorsing the nominee.
☐ Nominations will be accepted between:  September – November.
☐ The closing date for nominations in any given year is:  1 November.
☐ Once the winner has been chosen, the OSLA President will contact the successful nominator.
  ○ The OLA office will contact all unsuccessful nominators.
☐ Unless otherwise arranged, the OSLA President will also contact the successful nominee.
Selection Process

☐ The selection committee consists of the OSLA Council.
☐ Eligible applications will be assessed according to the criteria as above and any supporting the documentation.
☐ OSLA Council will review all of the applications and assess candidates’ eligibility.
☐ The Council will consider all potential candidates, including those nominated from the membership.
☐ Nominees who are not selected may be re-nominated in subsequent years with the submission of updated documentation.
☐ The presentation of the award is at the discretion of the OSLA Council and is not necessarily presented on an annual basis.

Award Presentation

☐ The winner(s) of the scholarship will be announced via news release on the OLA website, social media, newsletter, the Annual Report, and other means.
☐ The winner(s) will be notified in advance of the news release.
☐ An award notice letter and cheque will be mailed to the successful candidate following the conclusion of Super Conference or, provided onsite if possible.

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