



# YOUTH SERVICES SECTION

## YSS SPRING CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

The purpose of the Spring Conference Scholarship Award is to encourage continuing education in the field of library youth services. Two awards are given annually. The first is the New Member Spring Conference Scholarship, which is given to a new member of our profession. The second is the Lisa C. Wemett Spring Conference Scholarship, which is given to a highly motivated and established librarian who has had a significant impact on youth and youth services in their community.

The scholarship is designed to cover registration fees and up to \$250 reimbursement for hotel charges, meals, and transportation costs for attending the Youth Services Section's Spring Conference. **The candidate needs to show a strong commitment to the field of youth service librarianship or other related careers.**

**Applicants must be members of NYLA/YSS.** The applicant may NOT be an officer or employee or relative of the New York Library Association, NYLA Council, or the Executive Board of the Youth Services Section of NYLA. Financial need will not be a criterion for the award.

### REQUIREMENTS:

#### For the New Member Spring Conference Scholarship:

The applicant must be:

- a current regular or student member of NYLA/YSS.
- The applicant may be a graduate library student (full- or part-time) who is matriculated at their institution, a practicing librarian or paraprofessional employed in New York State, or involved in a related youth services field (e.g. storytelling, an illustrator, etc.) for less than 10 years.

#### For the Lisa C. Wemett Spring Conference Scholarship:

The applicant must be:

- a current regular of NYLA/YSS. In addition,
- Have at least 10 years of post-graduate experience working in libraries and is currently working in the area of youth services in a public or school library in New York.
- Be able to demonstrate that they have had a significant impact on youth and youth services in their community.

For each of the scholarships, the applicant needs to file the following with the YSS scholarship committee chair:

- A fully completed application, which is available in online form on the NYLA YSS website or hard copy.
- Two letters of recommendation, which indicate the applicant's interest in youth services.
- Evidence of current membership in NYLA/YSS.

**Please note: Applications received after the posted deadline will not be honored.**

The YSS Scholarship Committee will review all eligible applications, and notify applicants of the final results in writing.

**SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE: February 1, 2026**

Please see the YSS Web site to download an application.

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