



YSS Spring Conference Scholarships Description, Guidelines and Application

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

Each of the scholarships 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 candidates need to show strong commitment to the field of youth service librarianship or other related careers.

An applicant must be a member of NYLA/YSS. They may not be an employee or relative of an employee of the New York Library Association; an officer or relative of an officer of the NYLA Council; or an officer or relative of an officer on the Executive Board of the Youth Services Section of NYLA. Financial need will not be a criterion for the award. The requirements for each of the scholarships follow:

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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, the applicant must 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. They must 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.

SCHOLARSHIPS DEADLINE for the 2026 YSS Spring Conference: February 1, 2026

Address to submit application:

Diana Hurlburt
diana.hurlburt@scpl.org
Schenectady County Public Library
99 Clinton Street, Schenectady, NY 12305

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Name:

Home Address:

Name and Address of Present Employer/Graduate School:

Telephone Number (work) (home)

Education	Degree	Date Received	Institution
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Youth Services Experience		
Employer	Dates	Title/Type of Work

Other Work Experience		
Employer	Dates	Title/Type of Work

List any relevant professional, educational or community associations of which you are a member:
(Please indicate specifically how it relates to youth services).

Briefly relate your reasons for wishing to attend the YSS Spring Conference to your professional goals and philosophy.

Have you previously been a recipient of a YSS scholarship? If yes, please list scholarship and date:

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Have you previously attended a YSS spring conference?

YES NO Date:

Have you previously attended a NYLA Annual Conference?

YES NO Date:

Are you a current member of NYLA?

YES NO

Are you a current member of the Youth Services Section?

YES NO

Signature

Date

PLEASE ENCLOSE TWO SUPPORTING STATEMENTS WITH YOUR APPLICATION.

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_____ is applying for a NYLA/YSS Spring Conference Scholarship.
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Please comment on this individual's qualifications and how attendance at the YSS Spring Conference would benefit him/her professionally and personally.

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