



# The NYLA - Dewey Scholarship

Sponsored by the Lake Placid Educational Foundation and the N Y Library Association  
Description of Scholarship

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The NYLA-Dewey Scholarship provides financial assistance to enable an interested and deserving student to pursue a Master's Degree in Library Science at an ALA-accredited library school in New York State.

The recipient of this award will receive \$1000.00 to cover tuition costs and related expenses. In addition, the winner will receive free attendance at the first NYLA Annual Conference to be held after the awarding of the scholarship (this includes a ticket to the awards banquet).

**Eligibility requirements.** Applicants must meet the following requirements:

1. Be a full or part-time student , or been accepted into an ALA-accredited library school or school of information science located in New York State. The winner must be matriculated in a library school by the time they receive award.
2. Students must have maintained at least a B average during the semester preceding the award and transcripts must be provided to receive payment.
3. The successful candidates are expected to work in a library or library system in New York State for at least two years upon graduation.
4. To be eligible to apply for the scholarship, both the student and the library school, must be members of the New York Library Association.

Three major factors will be considered in awarding the scholarship: a) evidence of a commitment to a career in librarianship, b) demonstrated leadership ability, and c) scholarly excellence.

**Application Instructions.** A complete application consists of the following items submitted together in one envelope:

1. Completed application form.
2. Professional objective essay
3. Three references on the form provided, each in a sealed envelope with the reference's signature across the envelope flap.

Application forms are to be submitted to the Dean of the Library School or Information Sciences at the ALA accredited institution you have been accepted to or are attending by **September 30<sup>th</sup>**. Only one NYLA Dewey Scholarship per library school will be awarded each academic year.

The Dean of the participating library schools will then nominate a student to receive the award from the applications submitted and forward their applications to NYLA by **Oct 15<sup>th</sup>** for confirmation by the NYLA Council. Scholarship recipients will be notified of their award by **December 15<sup>th</sup>** and mailed a check upon NYLA receiving official transcripts of successful completion of semester.

The following people are excluded from applying for the NYLA-Dewey Scholarship: Board members, officers, employees or relatives thereof of the New York Library Association as well as board members, officers, employees and their relatives of the Lake Placid Foundation.

**Scholarship and student membership forms as well as list of library schools eligible to participate are available on the NYLA website at [www.nyla.org](http://www.nyla.org) or contact the NYLA office for additional information at (800) 252-NYLA or [membership@nyla.org](mailto:membership@nyla.org) .**



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## Application Form – Page 1

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1. Completed application form,
2. Professional objective essay (typed or word-processed),
3. Three references on the form provided, each in a sealed envelope with the reference's signature across the flap.

Applications must be postmarked no later than **SEPTEMBER 30<sup>th</sup>**:

**ALL ITEMS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE DEAN OF THE LIBRARY SCHOOL WHERE YOU ARE ENROLLED.**

### PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full Name: .....

Address: .....

City, State, Zip code: .....

Daytime Telephone: ..... Evening Telephone: .....

Email Address: .....

Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

I am a U.S citizen or alien who has/will have the legal right to work as a professional librarian in New York State for a period of two years after obtaining the MLS degree. YES [ ☐ ] NO [ ☐ ]

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### EDUCATION

Please list the junior colleges, colleges, universities, graduate and professional schools at which you have earned credits. Please attach an additional sheet if necessary.

Institution

Dates

Major/Minor

Degree/Date

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Please list any ALA-accredited library education programs to which you have applied:

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### EXPERIENCE

Teaching, research, professional, business, military, internship, etc. Please account for all of your time since graduation from high school up to the present. Do not include time spent in school. Please attach an additional sheet if necessary.

Organization

Dates

Nature of Work

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### MEMBERSHIPS & HONORS

Please list all memberships in professional and other organizations, honor societies, scholarships, prizes, etc.

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### CONTINUING EDUCATION / EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES / COMMUNITY SERVICE

Please give a brief description, with dates; use an additional sheet, if necessary.

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How did you learn about this scholarship? .....

*I have read the instructions for filing an application and I certify that the above statements are correct and complete. I understand that the Scholarship Jury will maintain this information as confidential.*

Signature: ..... Date: .....

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## Reference Form – Page 1

**TO THE APPLICANT:** On the lines below, please type or print the name and address of your reference and sign your name. Deliver this form to the reference and ask him or her to return the completed reference to you in a sealed envelope with signature across the flap.

**TO:** .....  
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Applicant's signature: .....

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..... has applied for the **NYLA-Dewey Scholarship**. It is important that only those who are unusually well-qualified for professional library work be considered. Therefore, we request your frank opinion of the applicant and assure you that NYLA shall maintain, in strict confidence, the information you supply.

### **Instructions to the Reference Writer:**

- Please check the rating sheet on page 2 and give your opinion of the applicant's competence, promise, ability to do graduate study, and potential for leadership. Comment on any characteristics that might have a favorable or adverse effect on the applicant's academic or professional career.
- Failure to use this form (completed on both pages) will disqualify the candidate.
- Seal your reference in an envelope and write your name across the sealed flap. Return your completed reference to the candidate.
- Please return the completed reference to the candidate in a timely manner. The candidate's deadline for submitting all materials is **September 30<sup>th</sup>**.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.



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## Reference Form – Page 2

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Date

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Applicant's Name

Comments: .....

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How long and in what connection have you known the applicant? .....

	Very Good	Good	Average	Below Avg.	Unsatisfactory	No Opportunity to Judge
Intelligence						
Industry						
Integrity						
Initiative						
Oral Expression						
Written Expression						
Accepts Responsibility						
Exerts Leadership						
Judgment						
Interpersonal Skills						

If you had the opportunity, would you hire this applicant? (check one)

- \_\_\_ 1. Would particularly like to have the applicant.  
\_\_\_ 2. Would be pleased to have the applicant.  
\_\_\_ 3. Prefer not to have the applicant.

Signature: ..... Title: .....

Address: ..... Telephone: (.....).....  
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## **The NYLA - Dewey Scholarship**

### **Professional Objectives Essay**

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Please write an essay (maximum 300 words) explaining your professional goals in attending library school and becoming a professional librarian. This essay must be typed or word-processed and submitted with your application.