The Richmond Academic Library Consortium is pleased to
announce its fifteenth annual RALC Scholarship for the Profession
Award Academic Year 2022-23

Call for Applications

This Scholarship provides financial support for graduate education leading to an advanced degree in library science, information science, information systems, archival studies, or related programs. It supports staff members at RALC libraries who wish to earn a professional degree. It awards a maximum of $1,000 per academic year to qualified applicants. Multiple recipients are possible each year depending on available funds. Previous recipients may apply again.

Eligibility Requirements:
1. Scholarships are provided without regard for financial standing.
2. Applicants must have served for at least one year as a permanent employee at a RALC institution, including part-time permanent employment. Temporary employees are not eligible.
3. Award will be dispersed as $500 per semester unless otherwise requested by the recipient.
4. Recipients must continue to work for a RALC institution during the term of the scholarship. In the case of termination for any reason, the award for the current semester is not affected but the recipient is not eligible for further support beyond the current semester.
5. Awards are annual. Recipients must apply each year to be eligible for multi-year support, and there is no guarantee that a recipient will receive an award each year.
6. Applicants must earn passing scores each semester in order to receive an award for the following semester.
7. Awards cover tuition and fees for ALA-accredited graduate programs only. No other expenses are allowable. Payment is made to recipients as a reimbursement after presentation of appropriate proof of payment to institution for tuition and fees.
8. RALC will adhere to standard national practice regarding the return of scholarship funding in the event an awardee does not complete the semester program of study covered by the award.

To Apply for the Scholarship:
1. Submit an application packet that includes the following:
   • Cover letter requesting an award and outlining long-term career goals
   • Current resume
   • Name and position title
   • Institution and address
   • Length of employment at the institution
   • Library school where the applicant intends to enroll and the degree they wish to earn
   • Progress towards the degree
   • Existing credentials and education

   Format the cover letter, resume, and remaining information as three separate documents.

2. Email the application documents as Microsoft Word or PDF attachments to Suzanne Sherry, RALC President, at Ssherry@jtcc.edu. Application packets should be received no later than **April 1, 2022.**
3. Request at least two letters of support from colleagues at your institution, including one letter from your supervisor. Ask your references to send the letters by email per the instructions above.
4. The RALC Board will make award decisions by **May 13, 2022**. Scholarship awards will cover expenses during the 2022-23 academic year.

We are excited to offer this opportunity to staff members at RALC libraries. Please share this message with any staff persons who may be interested in and qualified for the RALC Scholarship for the Profession.