



ILF Scholarship Guidelines

Minimum Criteria for Consideration:

- 1) Applicant is currently enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate certification program for Library Media Services.
- 2) Applicant's program of study must meet the current criteria as set by the Indiana Professional Standards Board.

Guidelines for Scholarship Applicants

All scholarship recipients are chosen on the basis of:

- (1) Interest in librarianship as a profession
- (2) Personality and Character
- (3) Academic record
- (4) Economic need
- (5) References
- (6) and video/personal interview.

Applicants must be legal residents of Indiana. Each must accept employment in an Indiana library within one year after completing his or her library education and must continue to work in an Indiana library for at least one year after accepting employment. If a recipient does not comply with these conditions, the scholarship must be repaid as a loan.

The following items are necessary for an application to be considered:

Three (3) letters of recommendation are required. At least one recommendation must be from a librarian. All letters of recommendation should be of a professional nature. References from current or previous employers or supervisors, library trustees, current or previous teachers or professors, or others who comment on your potential as a library professional are acceptable.

The letters should comment on one or more of the following:

- o potential in the library profession;
- o employment performance;
- o participation in volunteer and community activities;
- o academic performance.

For master's candidates:

- o a transcript or copy of official grade report for any library science courses already completed;
- o transcripts of all undergraduate education;
- o transcripts from other graduate work may be included, but are not required.

For public library certification candidates:

- o a copy of the approved public library certification program;
- o transcripts from undergraduate education and/or high school;
- o transcript or copy of official grade report for any course already taken toward library certification.

For school library candidates:

- o a transcript for any education and/or library science courses already completed;
- o a transcript for all undergraduate or graduate work completed.

For library assistant candidates:

- o a transcript for any education and/or library science courses already completed, including completion of at least 20 of the 60 required credits (this should include at least three library courses);
- o a transcript for all undergraduate or graduate work completed;
- o must demonstrate a C or better GPA at the end of their most recent semester.

A short essay.

A personal interview/video.