



2026 PaLA MLS/MLIS Scholarship Application

Introduction:

For 2026, **TWO** Pennsylvania Library Association MLS/MLIS Scholarships are available to Pennsylvania Library Association individual members who are seeking a Masters degree in the Library Science field that will earn them professional status. This \$2,000 award requires that at least three credits must be completed toward the degree during the scholarship year.

****The deadline for submitting an application is May 15.***

This form will collect several pieces of information:

1. Your contact info
2. Your current employer info
3. Your PaLA involvement history
4. The names of those who will submit a letter of recommendation (Three are required)
5. For current graduate students: upload most recent unofficial transcript for graduate work. For those just starting a program, upload final undergraduate transcript AND verification of admission to graduate program.
6. Your personal essay (of no more than 500 words). The personal essay is a statement that should relate to the following factors:
 - Scholarship
 - Motivation
 - Library experience
 - Basis of need
 - Service to community & profession



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Applicant Information:

* 1. First Name

* 2. Last Name

* 3. Street Address

* 4. City, State, and Zip Code

* 5. Email

* 6. Phone Number



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Employment Information:

Current Employer (*enter N/A if not employed*)

* 7. Employer Name

8. Employer Street Address

9. Employer City, State, and Zip Code

* 10. Your Position

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* 11. I intend to pursue graduate study in an ALA-accredited program in Library Science.

- Yes
- No - I am not eligible for this scholarship

* 12. Name of institution where scholarship will be used.

13. Undergraduate work: provide your institution, year of graduation and GPA:

14. For current graduate students: upload most recent unofficial transcript for graduate work. For those just starting a program, upload final undergraduate transcript.

Files submitted:

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15. **Also**, for those just starting a program, upload verification of graduate school admission.

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* 16. How long have you been a PaLA Member? (applicants must have a valid PaLA membership)

17. Please describe your involvement with PaLA including activities attended and any service within PaLA (including chapters, divisions, committees, etc):

* 18. Have you received a PaLA scholarship to attend graduate school in a previous year?

- No
- Yes - More than 3 years ago
- Yes - Less than 3 years ago, and therefore I am not eligible for this scholarship



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Letters of Reference:

Please give the names of the individuals from whom we will be receiving letters of reference on your behalf.

* 19. Recommendation Name 1

* 20. Recommendation Name 2

* 21. Recommendation Name 3

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Personal Essay:

This statement should relate to the following factors that are criteria for evaluating eligible candidates:

- Scholarship
- Motivation
- Library Work Experience
- Basis of Need
- Service to Community & Profession

* 22. Upload your personal essay here. Your essay should not exceed 500 words.

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Other Documents:

You will need to submit the following documents to complete your application: **THREE (3)** letters of recommendation. Letters can be submitted online by your recommenders. Please give them this link. https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2026PaLA_ScholarshipRecommend

All materials must be submitted by May 15 for consideration!

* 23. I understand.

Yes

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2026 PaLA MLS/MLIS Scholarship Application Completion:

To confirm your application for the MLS/MLIS Scholarship press **DONE** below. You will receive notification of your determination via email by late June. Thank you for applying!

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