

The **Richmond Academic Library Consortium** is pleased to announce its FIFTH annual
RALC Scholarship for the Profession Award
Academic Year 2009-2010

Call for Applications

Over the past four years, RALC has awarded scholarships to five people pursuing their professional degrees. We are looking for applications for this year's awards!

The Scholarship provides financial support for graduate education leading to an advanced degree in library science, information science, information systems, archival studies, or related programs, undertaken with the intent to pursue a career in academic librarianship. The Scholarship supports staff in RALC libraries who wish to earn a professional degree. The Scholarship awards a maximum of \$1,000 per academic year, \$500 per semester, to qualifying applicants from RALC institutions. Multiple recipients each year are possible depending on available RALC funds. Previous winners may apply again.

The complete guidelines that describe eligibility for the Scholarship are enclosed with this email message (Word format.) To apply for the Scholarship, first ensure that you satisfy the award guidelines in the enclosed description. Then follow these steps:

1. Submit an application packet which 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 (which can be summarized on a single page) as three separate documents.

2. Send the application packet to Ginger Young, the acting President of RALC, no later than **March 24, 2009**. Email applications are preferred: send an email with the three packet documents as Microsoft Word attachments to gyoung@rmc.edu. Alternatively, you can mail the documents via regular U.S. mail to the address below. The President organizes packets and ensures that consideration of the applicant's request appears on the agenda for the April Board meeting.

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. If they prefer, your references can send the letters in print form via regular U.S. mail to the address below.

4. The RALC Board will make award decisions at the April 14, 2009 Annual Board meeting. The scholarship awards will cover supported expenses during the 2009-2010 academic year. The RALC Board is excited to offer this opportunity to the staff of RALC libraries. Please share this message with any staff persons who may be interested in and qualify for the *RALC Scholarship for the Profession*.

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