

SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship awards support individuals pursuing a master's degree in library science, school library media specialist certification or school library media specialist certification concurrent with a master's degree in a Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) approved program.

Purposes

1. Recognize the value and importance of the role of the school library media specialist.
2. Increase the professional school library workforce in Missouri by encouraging individuals who might not otherwise have resources for higher education to become librarians.
3. Provide support for individuals certified through the Library Media Specialty Examination of the Praxis II to become highly qualified school library media specialists.

Nature of the Award

1. The number of scholarships to be awarded will be determined by the Council no later than February 1.
2. Income generated by the scholarship account shall be used to fund scholarships; the principal shall not be used to fund scholarships.
3. Accrued Scholarship Fund interest will be divided equally among recipients.
4. Scholarship funds shall be paid directly to the college or university in which the recipient(s) is enrolled
5. **Recipient(s) must provide official transcripts and confirmation of enrollment before funds will be disbursed.**
6. All applications will be retained in the MASL office for one year.
7. When a selected recipient is found to not meet the stated criteria, or fails to forward required documentation to the MASL office, the selected recipient will forfeit the scholarship. The Awards Committee may then choose an alternate recipient.
8. Recipient(s) **must provide official transcripts** to the Association office at the end of the semester(s) for which the scholarship is awarded to verify course completion.
9. MASL will host the recipient(s) at the Spring Conference awards ceremony.
10. Certificate(s) shall be awarded to recipient(s) at Spring Conference.

General Eligibility Criteria

(NOTE: Specific scholarship awards may have additional criteria. See Aileen Helmick Memorial Scholarship)

1. Is a current Missouri resident or currently employed in a Missouri school.
2. Has completed a minimum of one semester or six credit hours leading to certification as a K-12 library media specialist in a Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) accredited graduate certification program.
3. Has a minimum letter grade of B in all LMS required certification courses taken.
4. Is a current member of the Missouri Association of School Librarians (MASL).
5. Has not received a MASL scholarship during the previous MASL fiscal year.

Aileen Helmick Memorial Scholarship

Dr. Aileen Helmick began her career as a teacher and eventually became the school librarian at Sedalia Middle School. After completing her Ph.D. in Library Science, she was appointed to the faculty at Central Missouri State University. She served as Professor and Chair of Library Science at CMSU, developing a campus, state and national reputation as a respected leader in her discipline.

Additional Criteria:

1. Enrolled in a master's or education specialist degree program in school librarianship or instructional technology.
2. Provide evidence of a minimum of two years teaching experience in a Missouri school.

Sharon Willis Memorial Scholarship

Sharon Willis was appointed to the University of Missouri-Columbia Graduate School and Informational Sciences faculty in 1968. Sharon has been described as “a spokesperson” for school librarians who “listened to their needs and worked with the Dean to provide courses that would meet the needs of school library media personnel.” She was active in both MLA and MASL and is credited with playing a key role in the development of strong leadership for both statewide associations. Sharon died at age 39 after a lengthy battle with cancer.

Publicity

Notification regarding application guidelines and deadlines should be made by the first of October through the following:

1. MASL Web site
2. MASL newsletter
3. MASL listserv
4. State, School District, and Higher Education listservs

Selection Process

1. The Awards Committee will evaluate the applications.
2. Awards will be determined using a blind review, rubric-based process.
3. In the event that one or more applicants receive the same number of points, a drawing will determine the recipient(s).
4. The Awards Chair or a designee may elect to e-mail, or conduct telephone interviews with, the applicant(s) and/or references listed.
5. If submitted applications do not meet the stated criteria, the Awards Committee may recommend to the Council that no scholarships be awarded.

Completing the Application Form:

- Provide all required information on the Application form.
- Submit the application electronically no later than January 15 close of business (6:00 p.m. CT).
- All mailed applications must be received no later than January 15 close of business (6:00 p.m. CT).

Applicant Contact Information

- Enter your contact information. Make certain the information you enter is correct and up-to-date.

Scholarships

- Indicate the scholarships for which your application should be considered. You may wish to be considered for more than one scholarship.
- Check all boxes that apply to your application.

Graduate Academic Information

- List the institution(s) where you have taken courses toward certification.
- Indicate whether the courses were taken as part of a graduate degree program or for certification only (non-degree-seeking/post-baccalaureate).
- Enter your GPA for courses taken at the institution.
- Note: You will be required to verify this information with official transcripts sent from the institution prior to disbursement of scholarship funds.

Graduate Courses Completed Toward Certification

- List all graduate coursework completed toward certification as a school librarian.
- Include the semester and year the class was taken, course number and title, number of credit hours and the grade you were awarded for the class.

Work Experience

- List your work experience beginning with your most recent employer.
- List any library related employment or internship experience.
- Note: The recipient of the Aileen Helmick Memorial Scholarship will be required to verify two years of classroom teaching experience in a Missouri school prior to disbursement of scholarship funds.

References

- Provide contact information for three individuals who can speak to your potential as a school librarian.
- The Awards Chair or a designee may elect to e-mail, or conduct telephone interviews with, the applicant(s) and/or references listed.

Essay Questions

Respond to the two essay questions in the spaces provided. Note the limit of 350 words for each response. Responses that exceed the 350-word limit will be noted as not meeting stated criteria at an expected level.

Submission Information

All application materials must be received in the MASL office no later than close of business **January 15 (6:00 p.m. CT)**. Any applications received after the stated deadline will not be reviewed.

Electronic submissions:

Send applications materials in electronic format to:
masl_org@earthlink.net

Submissions:

Printed applications may be mailed to:
Missouri Association of School Librarians
PO Box 2107
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

Application Evaluation Rubric

Scoring Key:

3 Points – Exceeds Expectations for Criteria

2 Points – Meets Expectations for Criteria

1 Point – Inadequate; response does not meet expectations for criteria

NA – Not applicable to scholarship, does not meet requirement or missing

Criteria	3	2	1	NA	Notes
Completed application form	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Current Missouri resident/employed in Missouri school	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Completed one semester/ six credit hours leading to certification	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Minimum letter grade of B in all LMS courses.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Current member of MASL.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Helmick Only Enrolled in master's degree program in school librarianship/ instructional technology.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Helmick Only Minimum of two years teaching experience	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
View of the role of LMS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates understanding of role of professional LMS in schools appropriate to work experience/LMS preparation. • Demonstrates organization of thoughts and ideas; clear and concise; does not exceed 350 words. • Uses Standard written English (verb tenses, sentence structure, spelling, punctuation). 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Philosophy of Professional Practice <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incorporates teacher, program administrator, information specialist aspects • Explicitly connects philosophy to literacy/reading motivation/support • Demonstrates organization of thoughts and ideas; clear and concise; does not exceed 350 words. • Uses Standard written English (verb tenses, sentence structure, spelling, punctuation). 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Column Total	Total Points				
Summary Comments					