The Scholarship Fund

Background
Awarded annually, when merited to a student entering or before the final term of a school offering an accredited master’s degree in library and information studies or a library technician diploma. Consideration is given to academic achievement, leadership potential and demonstrated interest in the profession.

Eligibility/Criteria
• Scholarship candidates must be commencing or before their final semester in studies for their first professional library/information science degree at an institution offering an ALA accredited masters degree in library and information studies or in a library technicians diploma program.
• Canadian citizenship or permanent resident status is a requirement.
• Applicants must provide a resume, a letter of intent that includes reason for pursuing these studies, and proof of enrollment in the program.
• The scholarship amount of up to $5,000 will be disbursed directly to the institution for the candidate’s tuition.

Application Procedure
• The application form can be completed at https://awards.accessola.com/the-scholarship-fund/ and must include:
  o Name and contact of applicant
  o Resume
  o Letter of intent
  o Proof of enrolment
  o Name of post secondary institution
  o Confirmation of Canadian citizenship or permanent resident status
• Applications are accepted throughout the year.

Selection Procedure
• Eligible applicants will be assessed according to the set criteria.
• The Fund Development Committee with a CFLA representative will review applicants, select recipients, and provide a report to the OLA Board.

Award Procedure
• Applicants will be notified in advance of the commencement of their school term.
  Funds will be issued directly to the institution.

History of this fund:
The following motion was approved at the June 2016 OLA Board Meeting:
Motion to receive restricted charitable funds from CLA due to the dissolution and to be disbursed in accordance with CRA rules and regulations.
OLA received The Scholarship Fund upon dissolution of the Canadian Library Association. The criteria for disbursement to eligible recipients was reviewed in consultation with the Canadian Federation of Library Associations.