

MHSLA Conference Scholarship Procedures/Policies/Changes

MHSLA Student Scholarships

Current policy is that two student scholarships are offered – one for a student at Wayne State University and one for a student at University of Michigan.

Proposed change: Offer two student scholarships to students interested in Health Science Libraries pursuing either a Library Technician's degree or a Masters in Library or Information Science.

Rationale: We have member institutions with staff who are pursuing their degrees through other educational institutions and this would open up the networking opportunity to them. Students pursuing the Library Technician's degree given the networking opportunity may go on to get their master's degree. As an example some of the classes taken for the Library Technician's degree include: Information Research Methods, Intro to Media Technology, Library Technical Services-Acquisitions, Library Technical Processes-Cataloging & Processing, Library Public Service, Library Resources & Services, and a Library Internship.

I think we can use the form currently used. It does require the applicant to write a brief essay about career goals and how the conference will benefit your career objectives. The brief essay will be used to determine the scholarship winners.

MHSLA Member Scholarships

Current policy is that one scholarship is offered for a member in good standing who has never attended the annual education conference.

Proposed change: Add a second membership scholarship for any member in good standing who applies. Scholarship would cover the cost of a full conference registration **OR** lodging at the conference hotel during the conference only (Tuesday through Thursday). Members would fill out the application and a name would be drawn at random from the eligible applicants. Members will be eligible to receive this scholarship once every four years following the conference rotation timeframe. A new application form would be developed for this scholarship.

Rationale: We have many members who no longer have institutional support to attend our conferences. Many members are choosing not to attend or they are paying for the conference themselves. This would support those members as well as those who have their registration paid but their institutions will not pay for them to stay at the conference hotel. Working with the host site contracts many hotels are now using nights booked as a way to determine the cost of meeting room space and this would be a way to support the host site.