

An award jury will include the Editor of *Young Adult Library Services*, one member of the YALSA Editorial Advisory Board, one member of the YALSA Publications Committee, one member of the YALSA Student Interest Group and one member of the YALSA Research Committee.

VI. Screening of Nominations

1. Eligibility

At the time the paper is submitted, the applicant must:

- a. Be currently enrolled in an ALA accredited program of library and information studies at the masters or Ph.D. level.
 - b. Be a current student member of ALA and YALSA.
 - c. Submit an original unpublished manuscript according to the guidelines and criteria outlined below.
- ### 2. Criteria for Selection
- Selection is based upon the quality and appropriateness of the submitted manuscripts. Manuscripts will be selected based on the following criteria: applicability to a variety of library settings, originality of ideas, persuasiveness of arguments, quality of writing, clarity of presentation, and contribution to the research goals of the YALSA membership. Length must be between 4,000 to 6,000 words.
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- a. Submissions must include a completed application form signed by the Dean or Director of the ALA accredited program of library and information studies in which the applicant is enrolled.
 - b. Only original, unpublished articles may be entered in the contest. Do not submit manuscripts being considered for publication elsewhere. Manuscripts should be of timely and practical interest on multiple and diverse generations and may be applicable to a variety of library settings, including public and school libraries.
 - c. The author is responsible for the accuracy of all statements in the article. Bibliographic citations must be complete and accurate. All quotations must be verified. The manuscript should be written according to the rules of the *Chicago Manual of Style*, 15th edition.
 - d. Submit manuscripts only as an electronic file. All copies should include name, address, and phone number(s) of authors. Submissions should be double-spaced in 12-point font, and all quoted text should also be typed double-spaced. On a separate page, include the title and subtitle, followed by a brief abstract. The electronic file should be in .txt or .doc format and sent as an e-mail attachment to yalsa@ala.org.
 - e. For further information, see "Instructions to Authors" in each issue of *Young Adult Library Services*, or read the guidelines at www.ala.org/ala/yalsa/yalsapubs/yals/authorguidelines.htm.
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- Submissions should be sent to yalsa@ala.org by December 1st of each year. Please

ALA Annual Conference at the YALSA Membership Meeting. The deadline to apply each year is December 1st.

XI. Evaluation of award program

At the end of the first two years, the YALSA Board of Directors will establish a member group to evaluate the award. Reevaluation is to include: discussion of any changes needed in policies and procedures, determination of continuation of the award, the frequency of the award, the status of marketing and promotion for the award, the process for identifying successful candidates, the possibility of expanding the award (to either more recipients and/or more writing categories) and sponsor involvement.