

YALSA Board of Directors – Annual 08
Topic: Student Scholarship Final Report
Item #5

YALSA Board of Directors Meeting
ALA Annual Conference, Anaheim
June 26 – July 2, 2008

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5. Administration of the award (jury structure & charge)
A 3 person jury will be formed and will work virtually—no in person meeting is necessary since the applications can be submitted electronically.

The jury's charge is to select an applicant who demonstrates genuine interest in pursuing a career as a librarian serving teens.

One of the jury members must attend the conference and act as a mentor to the scholarship winner. The mentor will work with the winner to coordinate a schedule that will give the winner a complete ALA experience.

6. Screening of nominations (eligibility, award criteria, nomination process, voting procedures)
Any student currently enrolled in an ALA Accredited Masters program who has demonstrated interest in Young Adult/Teen librarianship may apply. The student's demonstration of commitment will include a written report to the Board and participation (either in person or virtual) on a YALSA member group after attending the conference. The award winner will also submit copies of expenses to demonstrate the use of the award funds. The award winner will also be a guest blogger on the YALSA blog and share impressions of conference attendance, YALSA, programs and such.

The application forms will be similar to the Baker & Taylor award form and will include a list of relevant coursework, involvement, recommendations from other librarians, and a short essay. Questions to direct the short essay:

- a. What do you hope to learn or experience at the ALA Annual Conference?
- b. Describe your vision for library service to teens over the next 3-5 years.
- c. Tell us about your experience working with teens, either professionally or as a volunteer.

The jury will meet virtually and discuss each application. A simple majority will decide the winner.

7. Presentation of award (given when, by whom & how)
Announce at Midwinter Meeting, present certificate at Annual Membership Meeting.
Check is delivered to winner prior to Annual Membership meeting.
8. Form &/or type of award (cash, plaque, etc)
Up to \$2,000 to cover the cost of travel, housing, registration and some events.
9. Funding, expenses, revenues (from endowment, sponsor, etc.)
Recommend a corporate sponsor be found for this scholarship, to be determined by YALSA.
10. Catalog description of award (how you want it to read in the ALA Handbook)
To select annually one student in an ALA Accredited Masters program who has demonstrated interest in Young Adult/Teen librarianship to receive the XXXX/YALSA

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Student Scholarship. Term: from the end of Annual Conference through the following Annual. Jury size: 3.

11. Evaluation of award program (formal process for measuring its success).
There will be a formal review overseen by the YALSA Board of Directors after five years to determine the impact on YALSA and Teen Service. The ultimate question would be how many scholarship winners became Young Adult/Teen Services librarians, remain in that specialty area and participate in YALSA.