

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

Topic: Henne Research Grant Status

Background: The Henne grant for funds to conduct research in the field of YA librarianship, was first given in 1985, and has apparently always been a \$500 award. According to the Consumer Price Index Statistics \$500 is actually worth just \$260.71 in today's market.

Action Required: Consent

Proposal:

Increase the amount of the award for this grant.

Rationale:

Increasing access to research is a goal in YALSA's new strategic plan, so strengthening this award could fit nicely with that goal. Additionally, increasing the amount of the prize could help spur more members to apply for the grant.

Background Information:

I. NAME OF GRANT:

Frances Henne/YALSA/VOYA (*Voice of Youth Advocates*) Research Grant

II. DEFINITION:

This grant of \$500 is to provide seed money for small scale projects which will encourage research that responds to the YALSA Research Agenda.

III. REQUIREMENTS

1. Applicants must be personal members of YALSA, including student members, although the research project may be undertaken by an individual, an institution, or by a group.
2. The proposed research must be a response to the vision, mission, goals, and Research Agenda of YALSA, and for the general area of library service to young adults.

IV. CRITERIA

1. A proposal of 1-2 pages, and one page of biographical information, should be submitted and must include the following:
 - a. Title
 - b. Objectives

- c. Problem Statement/Questions to be Answered
- d. Methodology, including how data will be collected and analyzed.
- e. Significance of the project, in light of previous research.
- f. Projected time line (Project should be completed within a 12 to 18 month period, and a report filed with YALSA within six months of completion of the study.)
- g. Indicate the way that the money will be used.
- h. Brief biographical data on researcher on a separate sheet, with contact information including e-mail, as well as the researcher's ALA membership number.

V. NUMBER AND FREQUENCY:

This grant will be given annually.

VI. SELECTION OF JURY TO ADMINISTER THE GRANT:

Selection of the recipient will be made by the Henne Jury and announced at the Midwinter Meeting.

VII. DEADLINE:

Research proposals will be solicited throughout the year following each Midwinter Meeting. Deadline for receipt of proposals will be December 1 prior to the Midwinter Meeting when selection is made.

VIII. SCREENING:

Selection will be based on the criteria indicated in Section II above.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENT AND PRESENTATION:

Announcement of the recipient will be made at the Midwinter Meeting and the grant will be presented at the YALSA Membership Meeting at the Annual Conference.

X. FORM:

A \$500 check will be made out to the grant recipient unless otherwise specified by the recipient.

XI. SPONSOR:

Voice of Youth Advocates/Scarecrow Press

XII. PUBLICATION:

Winners are required to write a 500-word summary of their research project within one year of completion to be published in *YALS*. In addition, winners are encouraged to write a more substantial article for publication. ALA/YALSA has the right of first consideration for publication of research results. Co-publication by *VOYA* is permitted, since *VOYA* is the donor of the grant money.

Action:

Direct the YALSA Executive Director find funds for increasing the amount of this award by first approaching *VOYA* then exploring other options, if necessary.