

**YALSA Board of Directors Meeting
February Meeting via Conference Call
February 29, 2008**

Topic: YA Literature Symposium Scholarship

Background: A draft of the scholarship is provided below. The taskforce is working with their Board Liaison to finalize this so that the application period will be open by April 1st. The goal is to use funds from the Morris Endowment to bring two members to the symposium who do not have the means to attend without financial support from YALSA.

Action Required: Information

Morris Foundation/YALSA Young Adult Literature Symposium Scholarship Application

The Morris Foundation/YALSA Young Adult Literature Symposium Scholarship enables qualified recipients to attend the YALSA Biennial Young Adult Literature Symposium.

The first Symposium will be held in Nashville (Tennessee) from November 7-9, 2008.

Two scholarships up to \$1,000 each will be awarded as follows: the first scholarship is to be awarded to a librarian who works directly with young adults; the second is to be awarded to a student enrolled in an ALA Accredited MLS program with a focus on serving young adults in a professional library setting.

Applications must be received in the YALSA office by *May 1, 2008*. **TF recommends that this date be selected with enough time for those not selected to receive one of the scholarships to still register under the deadline for any early bird registrations deals. Any reference to this date would need to be changed based on that final decision.*

Requirements for Application are:

* YALSA personal membership (one year for the student applicant and two or more years for the professional librarian applicant)

* One to ten years of experience serving teenagers in a professional library setting (for the professional librarian applicant) or enrollment in an ALA Accredited MLS program (for student applicants).

The application must be submitted by email to Nichole Gilbert at ngilbert@ala.org no later than *May 1, 2008** using the form provided.

Guidelines

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1. All entries must include the application form provided below by the Young Adult Library Services Association.
2. All applicants must be current personal members of ALA/YALSA at the time the application is submitted. (Please note that it takes about 2 months to fully process your application for membership. If you are just joining, make sure to send a copy of your membership application with the scholarship application.)
3. Entries should be models of clarity and completeness.
4. The application must be emailed to Nichole Gilbert at ngilbert@ala.org. Questions can be directed to Nichole at 1.800.545.2433 x 4387
5. Applications must be received no later than *May 1, 2008**.
6. Winners are not eligible to apply in future years.

APPLICATION FORM

Morris Foundation/YALSA Young Adult Literature Symposium Scholarship Application

Contact Information

Date Submitted:

Applicant's Name:

Applicant's Title:

Place of Employment or University in which student is enrolled (please circle one and answer below):

Applicant's Work Address or Home address:

Applicant's Work Phone:

Applicant's Home Address:

Applicant's Home Phone:

Applicant's Cell Phone:

Applicant's email address:

ALA Membership No. (you must also be a member of YALSA):

Education

Please list the institutions attended, degrees, date received, and/or date expected to receive:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Library Experience

Please list the names of the institutions, dates of employment, job title and type of work; students may include internships and part-time employment:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Other Work Experience:

List the Professional and Educational Association (Local, State, and National) of which you are a member and indicate dates of membership any offices held:

If you have received any honors that you would like to mention, please do so here:

How many years have you been a member of YALSA?

List other ALA divisions of which you are a member:

For working librarians, briefly describe the library in which you work, include the number of young adults you serve, significant activities, and programming in which you are involved, etc...

For students, briefly describe the type of library work which you have been involved in to date; or the type of library work to which you aspire. Also, please list the names/descriptions of specific coursework/classes that you have completed that directly relate to YA lit or YA services.

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