

ILA/ISLA's ARSL National Conference Scholarship

Application Instructions:

1. Include with your essay submission a **letter from your board** (or provide minutes of a board meeting) that **details approval of your attendance** at the 2009 ARSL National Conference, and **availability of funds to cover expenses beyond the \$500 scholarship**.
2. Please **answer the following questions in an essay not-to-exceed 1,000 words**:
 - Describe your experience working in a small or rural library setting.
 - Describe a defining moment when you understood the important role of small or rural libraries.
 - What is your motivation for attending the 2009 ARSL Conference?
 - Where do you see yourself and/or your library in 5 years?
 - What do you hope to gain from this conference experience that you can share with your library and the greater library community?

Please Note:

- Applications will be **accepted via email** (nclark@emmettsburg.lib.ia.us) in Word, PDF or Open Office format.
- Essays must be **double-spaced, use 12 point Times New Roman font and have 1 inch margins**.
- You will receive an email **confirmation** that your application was received within 24 hours. If you do not receive confirmation within 24 hours, please call Nathan Clark at 712.852.4009.
- If you have **questions** about your application submission, please contact Nathan Clark at nclark@emmettsburg.lib.ia.us or 712.852.4009.

Timeline:

- **Deadline for submission is JUNE 15, 2009**. The ISLA Executive Board will determine a winner no later than July 1, 2009. The winner will be notified within three days of selection. If unable to notify within five days, or not accepted within five days of notification, winner will forfeit scholarship and first alternate will be notified, and so on.

Expectations:

- Winner will be required to either **write an article** for the ISLA newsletter, or will **present about their conference experiences** at an ISLA-sponsored workshop.
- Winner must **submit photos** taken at the conference to the ISLA PR Committee for inclusion in the ISLA newsletter.

Further Information:

- The Association of Rural and Small Libraries annual conference will be held in **Gatlinburg, Tennessee on September 11, 12, 13, 2009**. For more information about the conference, visit the website at www.bcr.org/ARSL/index.html.
- Officers of the Iowa Small Library Association will judge the essay contest, and as judges will not be eligible to receive the scholarship.
- Only individuals who are **members of ILA and its Iowa Small Library Association** subdivision (\$5.00 annual dues) are eligible for this scholarship.