SCHOLARSHIPS AND OPPORTUNITIES
for Library Workers of Color

Have you considered a career in librarianship?
Check out the many scholarships and programs available to you!

Contact NJLA’s Library Workers of Color or Diversity and Outreach Section to find out more!

NJLA EQUITY SCHOLARSHIPS
NJLA will award up to seven $8,500 scholarships to Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) students, for library school tuition, beginning in the Fall of 2022. The goal of the NJLA Equity Scholarships is to increase diversity among library professionals in the state of New Jersey.

https://www.njla.org/scholarship

MLA SCHOLARSHIP FOR UNDERREPRESENTED STUDENTS
A scholarship of up to $5,000 is awarded annually by the Medical Library Association (MLA) to a student who shows excellence in scholarship and potential for accomplishment in health sciences librarianship.

https://www.mlanet.org/p/cm/ld/fid=304

2021-2022 DR. E.J. JOSEY SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS
Each year, African American students enrolled in or accepted by ALA-accredited programs are awarded The E. J. Josey Scholarships which are unrestricted grants of $2,000.

https://www.bcala.org/bcala-awards

NJLA SPONSOR-A-MEMBER PROGRAM
NJLA has a Sponsor-a-Member Program inviting new and lapsed members to apply for one year of free membership to the New Jersey Library Association.

www.njla.org/sponsorship

ALA SPECTRUM SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
The Spectrum Scholarship Program actively recruits and provides scholarships to students of color to assist them with obtaining a graduate degree and leadership positions within the profession and ALA.

https://www.ala.org/advocacy/spectrum

ARL KALEIDOSCOPE SCHOLARSHIP
The goal of the ARL Kaleidoscope Program is to attract master of library and information science (MLIS) students from historically underrepresented racial and ethnic groups to careers in research libraries and archives.

https://tinyurl.com/kaleidoscope-program

THE MINNESOTA INSTITUTE (INTERNSHIP)
The Minnesota Institute for early career librarians from traditionally underrepresented groups focuses on the development of library leaders from diverse backgrounds. This program has a focus on academic librarianship.

https://www.lib.umn.edu/about/institute

PUBLIC SERVICE LOAN FORGIVENESS (PSLF)
The PSLF Program forgives the remaining balance on your Direct Loans after you have made 120 qualifying monthly payments under a qualifying repayment plan while working full-time for a U.S. federal, state, local, or tribal government or NPO.

https://tinyurl.com/pslf-program

OTHER INFORMATION
Comprehensive List of Diversity Scholarships (SJSU): https://ischool.sjsu.edu/diversity-scholarships
This LibGuide that offers information to people interested in becoming a librarian. They also have included a section related to DEI: https://guides.lib.unc.edu/wanna-be-librarian/diversity
This page lists scholarship and professional development funding open to all Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) students in LIS programs: https://www.ala.org/advocacy/spectrum/outside-funding
Self-Care Resources for BIPOC students and workers in LIS: https://www.ala.org/advocacy/spectrum/self-care-resources
Please post where all library staff will see.