

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>

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>

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>

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>

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>

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>

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

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>



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