



PLDA JEDI Scholarship Application 2022-2023

The Public Libraries Directors Association (PLDA) of Suffolk County, NY affirms its commitment to diversity and inclusion by offering a \$5,000 scholarship to one eligible applicant. The **PLDA JEDI** scholarship focuses on increasing the recruitment and retention of a new generation of racially and ethnically diverse librarians in the library profession.

Instructions for application:

1. Complete applications are to be emailed to the attention of the *PLDA Scholarship Committee* at plda.scholarship@gmail.com
2. Matriculated students should attach college transcripts (unofficial acceptable)
3. Attach Personal Statement and a current resume to your application
4. Applications will be accepted from October 1 – October 31, 2022

Eligibility & Preference

1. Graduate students who identify as American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian, Black/African American, Hispanic/Latino, Middle Eastern/North African and/or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander.
2. Currently enrolled or attending (full/part-time status) an ALA-accredited graduate program in Library and Information Studies or an AASL-recognized School Library Media Program.
3. Preference will be given to Suffolk County residents or outside residents employed by a Suffolk County Library.

Name

Address/Street

City

State/Zip Code

Telephone

Email Address

Statement of Assurance

All of the information on this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. If asked by the committee, I agree to give proof of information that is given on this form. Also, I understand that if proof is not provided if asked, the applicant may not be considered for the scholarship.

Applicant's Signature

Date

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State the ALA-accredited graduate program to which you have been accepted/begun studies. The selection committee will expect that an awardee will begin studies no later than the following semester after the granted award.

List all Library-related activities and/or graduate program activities in which you have participated. *Attach additional pages if necessary.*

Personal Statement

Submit a typewritten, short essay describing how your life experiences or skills can contribute to a more diverse, equitable and inclusive field of librarianship in the future. How could you use your degree to make lives better in your community? *Limit to one page.*

Submission of Application

Email application and attachments to the attention of the *PLDA Scholarship Committee* at plda.scholarship@gmail.com

Attachments must include:

- Completed Application
- College Transcript (unofficial acceptable) *Required for matriculated students only*
- Personal Statement
- Current Resume

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