

Montana Library Scholarship Program

part of the
Professional Education and Employment for Librarians (PEEL) Project
funded by the
Institute of Museum and Library Services

The Montana State Library Commission instituted this scholarship to provide financial support to eligible Montanans seeking a graduate degree in library and/or information science. The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) wishes to provide support to recruit and educate the next generation of librarians. IMLS monies fund the scholarship.

APPLICATION CONDITIONS

Applicant must complete and submit all required materials as detailed on page 2 below.

DEADLINE: All application materials must be postmarked by **March 15, 2006**.

In order to be eligible to receive an award from the scholarship program, the applicant must:

- ❖ Be a Montana resident
- ❖ Be accepted by the University of Washington distance graduate degree program in library and information science
- ❖ Begin graduate school in fall of 2006 and complete the degree in spring 2009
- ❖ Maintain full-time student status once enrolled in the graduate degree program
- ❖ Agree to work full-time at a Montana public, public school (K-12), or tribal library in a professional librarian position for 24 months after obtaining a graduate degree
- ❖ Upon becoming a professional librarian, serve as a mentor for other library professionals, library staff and individuals interested in library and/or information science as a career

The PEEL Advisory Committee will review all applications. Only complete applications will be forwarded to the Committee for review. Scholarship funds may only be used for the University of Washington's distance learning degree program.

The Advisory Committee anticipates the award of 10 scholarships for a maximum of \$25,000 each for tuition. Notification of scholarship awards will be completed by May 15, 2006.

All applications must be typed. No faxed or e-mailed applications will be accepted. Incomplete applications will not be considered. All applications will be kept on file at Montana State Library.

If you have questions about the Montana Library Scholarship program, contact Sue Jackson, Montana State Library, (406) 444-5350 or 1-800-338-5087.

Montana Library Scholarship Program Application Process

NOTE: You are responsible for sending application materials to the University of Washington's Graduate School and Information School as required by UW. The University alone will make the decision about applicants' acceptance into the UW iSchool. **Do not** send your University of Washington application materials to the Montana Library Scholarship Program.

The following materials **are required** to apply for a scholarship award:

I. SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM (see page 3 below)

II. CURRENT RESUME

Resume should including educational background, work experience, and references

III. STATEMENT ON MONTANA LIBRARY CAREER

Prepare a statement no longer than 2 pages (double-spaced, 12-point type, 1-inch margins) that addresses the following:

- What you will bring to librarianship in Montana
- How you see yourself fitting into the Montana library community

IV. SIGNED SCHOLARSHIP AGREEMENT (see page 4 below)

V. SEND APPLICATION MATERIALS TO:

**MONTANA LIBRARY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
MONTANA STATE LIBRARY
PO BOX 201800
HELENA MT 59620-1800**

MATERIALS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY MARCH 15, 2006

MONTANA LIBRARY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATION FORM

<p>Name _____ State of legal residency: _____</p> <p>Present Mailing Address _____</p> <p>Phone: Home _____ Work _____</p> <p>E-Mail Address: _____</p>						
<p>Sex: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female</p>						
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<p><input type="checkbox"/> I have submitted all required materials to the University of Washington iSchool by the application deadline.</p>						

MONTANA LIBRARY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM AGREEMENT

I have read and hereby accept the application conditions that require me to:

- ❖ Be a Montana resident
- ❖ Be accepted by the University of Washington distance graduate degree program in library and information science
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I agree that scholarship monies must be used to pay for graduate school tuition at the University of Washington.

I understand that this award may be taxable and I am responsible for complying with current tax regulations.

I agree that, upon completion of my graduate program, I will provide verification that I have obtained employment in a Montana public, public school (K-12), or tribal library in a professional library position and will work in a Montana library for 24 months after receiving my degree. Failure to do so requires the scholarship to be repaid in full (with interest) to the Montana State Library.

I agree to provide the Advisory Committee with written quarterly reports on my academic and employment status.

I agree to inform the Advisory Committee of any academic or employment status changes within 14 days.

I understand that the Advisory Committee reviews all applications. I agree to accept the Advisory Committee's recommendations to the Montana State Library Commission for scholarship awards as final.

I understand my application will be kept on file at Montana State Library.

If required, I agree to participate in an oral interview with the Advisory Committee.

I understand that the Advisory Committee will not consider incomplete applications.

I certify that all application information is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Applicant

Printed Name of Applicant

Date