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Library Assistants: Towering Within the Library Profession

Coleen Hopkins, 2015 Conference Committee Member



The 2015 Annual NYSLAA Conference Committee is happy to report that our workshops are in place and everything has been forwarded to Ruth Oberg, Conference Coordinator to prepare the conference packet.

On **Wednesday**, we will offer three tours:

1. **Rakow Library-America's Favorite Dish:**
Celebrating a Century of Pyrex
2. **Rockwell Museum of Art**
3. **Corning Museum of Glass** – New North Wing Contemporary Glass Art and Design Galleries (*opening March 20 2015.*)

The **Mixer** will be held at the Corning Museum of Glass. We will meet at 6:00 p.m. for a private hot glass show on the new Innovations Stage. This will be a **You Design It! We Make It!** show. Submit your designs before the conference to Sheila Tshudy. If your design is selected, the gaffers will make it in glass before our eyes. It will be fired and you will receive it at the Friday Keynote lunch. After the show there will be a buffet dinner and a cash bar in the Museum Auditorium.

On **Thursday**, after our first day of workshops and networking, our dinner and activities will be held at The Center, 400 Park Avenue, Corning, NY from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

The **Friday** Luncheon and Awards will follow the morning's workshops at The Radisson Hotel Corning. We are looking forward to our Keynote Speaker; Sharon Marrella from *Parent to Parent of NYS*.

The apparel offerings for this year will be a short sleeved polo shirt, a long sleeved t-shirt, and a fleece jacket. It will feature a design based on Corning's Little Joe Tower.

Don't forget to bring your lottery ticket for the Lottery Tree! We will also hold a number of 50/50 raffles at mealtimes and of course, the ever-popular raffle baskets!!



If you will be donating an item(s), or a basket for the raffle, please email Sheila Tshudy at (tshudysa@cmog.org) with the name and contents of your donation.

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NYSLAA’S MISSION

“The mission of the New York State Library Assistants’ Association is:

1. To enhance the professional image and status of NY State’s library assistants.
2. To further their professional growth.
3. To provide a network for communication to our members and the profession on library and library assistant issues.
4. To network and cooperate with library organizations on local, state, national, and international levels.”

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NYSLAA Annual Reports

President

My first year as NYSLAA president was a very active and productive one. My duties included setting the agenda for the Executive Council meetings and presiding over the general session of members at the annual conference.

In early 2014, the Executive Council welcomed Carrie Goetz from University at Buffalo as our Treasurer. Donna Kuhner ran unopposed and continues to serve as our Corresponding Secretary.

A Bylaws Revision Committee was created to update NYSLAA's Constitution and Bylaws. Judith Andrew graciously agreed to chair the committee. Kenyon Wells, Adrienne Birchler, Pam Rogers, and Vickie Button served on the committee.

Melissa Tidd was awarded NYSLAA's Degree Program Scholarship. Melissa is currently employed at the Goshen Public Library and Historical Society. No applications were received for the Continuing Education Scholarship.

The Executive Council agreed to award two Conference Contest scholarships this year. The winners were Chris Shaughnessy of Liverpool Public Library and Wendy Freier of Geneva Public Library.

The 36th Annual Conference was held in Saratoga Springs. I co-chaired the conference with Michele Giuffre. We had a supportive committee and, with the experienced guidance of Ruth Oberg, the conference was a huge success.

Darlene Strack received the Craig Koste Award. Several of her coworkers and supervisors from SUNY Plattsburg wrote letters detailing her hard work in the library community and in support of library assistants. Congratulations, Darlene.

Fred Stoss, an Associate Librarian at the University at Buffalo Libraries, was awarded the Ray Murray Award. Fred has been an advocate of NYSLAA and library assistants for many years. Thank you, Fred, for all you do for us.

The Certificate of Achievement Review Board awarded 10 certificates this year. They continue to guide anyone interested in earning a certificate.

The Community Outreach Committee, headed by Nancy Davis, collected items for the Shelters of Saratoga and for the local animal shelter.

Members were asked to vote on the revisions to the Constitution and Bylaws. They were also asked to vote on the addition of a Conference Coordinator position to the Executive Council. The membership voted yes to both. Hence, Ruth Oberg as Conference Coordinator is officially a member of the Executive Council. Thank you, Ruth, for the tremendous amount work you do to ensure each conference is a winner.

Sadly, we lost a member and dear friend this year at the conference. Eileen Lemley loved library work and NYSLAA. Because she looked forward to attending our conferences every year, the Executive Council voted to rename the NYSLAA Conference Contest to the Eileen Lemley Conference Scholarship in her honor. Additionally, the membership generously donated to the Scleroderma Association in Eileen's memory. Eileen will be missed.

It has been an honor to serve as your President, and I welcome the challenges that the new year will bring.

Respectfully submitted,
Michele Matthews

Vice President

Entering the 3rd year of being Vice President and I still find this very exciting! I attended most Executive Council meetings during 2014. I maintain the Archives by filing minutes and all other association documents. Attending meetings, helping with the conference and filing the Archives are just some of the specific duties. I enjoyed being on the Conference Planning Committee for 2014, which was held in Saratoga Springs. Being on the Certificate of Achievement Review Board is another way in which I support Library Assistants. If you haven't received your Library Assistant Certificate of Achievement please contact me, and I will point you in the right direction.

I have found it very rewarding to work with the rest of the Executive Council. Let's continue to make NYSLAA successful in the future.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Rossello

Corresponding Secretary

2014 started with the announcement of the Degree Program Scholarship winner: Melissa Tidd of the Goshen Public Library and Historical Society. We did not receive any applications for the Continuing Education Scholarship.



Dinner in the Hall of Fame,
National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame

Ruth Oberg attended the Virginia Library Association Paraprofessional Forum Conference in May as the winner of the drawing. No one was able to attend the New Jersey Association of Library Assistants' Conference.

We had two winners from the NYSLAA Conference Contest attend the annual conference in Saratoga Springs in June:

Wendy Freier, Geneva Public Library and
Chris Shaughnessy, Liverpool Public Library

Fred Stoss of the University at Buffalo was the recipient of the Ray Murray Award.

Darlene Strack of SUNY Plattsburgh was the recipient of the Craig Koste Award.

Both were awarded their respective awards at the NYSLAA Conference in Saratoga Springs in June.

In the even years I preside over the NYSLAA election for the Executive Council. The winners for the NYSLAA election were:

Vice President: Kathy Rossello,
East Greenbush Community Library

Membership Secretary: Donna Hanna,
SUNY Geneseo

Recording Secretary: Tammy Southard,
SUNY Oneonta

Conference Coordinator: Ruth Oberg,
University at Buffalo

Congratulations to all the winners. NYSLAA is your organization. Please volunteer to do whatever you'd like. You can become involved at any level. Start small and grow from there. It is truly rewarding to be associated with this organization.



Respectively submitted,
Donna Kuhner

Recording Secretary

2014 was an exciting year for NYSLAA. I proudly completed the official duties of the Recording Secretary; recording and submitting the Regular Meeting Minutes of the Association (due to illness, Donna Kuhner, Corresponding Secretary, recorded and submitted the 2014 Town Meeting Minutes), publishing and editing the NYSLAA *Network Connection* newsletter four times annually and joining the Executive Council in the operation of this wonderful organization.

I, as well as others on the Executive Council believed that the Conference Coordinator should become a voting member of the Executive Council. Considering that this person is responsible for signing contracts on NYSLAA's behalf and directing deposits/payments to conference vendors (upon approval by the Executive Council), it only made sense that this person should also have a vote in these issues. This decision required updating the NYSLAA Constitution and Bylaws and then submitting those changes to the Membership for a vote. It was my pleasure to work with the rest of the Executive Council and the Bylaws Committee to bring NYSLAA's Constitution and Bylaws into the 21st Century.

This is my final Annual Report as the NYSLAA Recording Secretary. I will miss the involvement I have enjoyed since 2004, but it is time to step aside and let a new face and voice put her own signature on these duties. Tammy Southard, SUNY Oneonta, I hope you find as much pleasure and fulfillment in this opportunity as I did. I know the rest of the Executive Council will assist you and continue their commitment to NYSLAA.

Respectfully submitted,
Coleen Hopkins

Treasurer

Since the Network Connection Newsletter is only available online, we will not post our financial report on the web. The 2014 Treasurer's Annual Report is subject to our CPA's approval in May. The books will be finalized by April and taxes are filed in early May. All NYSLAA members are entitled to see a full report. If you are interested in seeing it after it is finalized in May, please contact me.

Since taking over as treasurer at the end of 2013, I have worked with an internal audit committee to thoroughly audit the NYSLAA accounting books and make sure they are in good standing. Our CPA reviewed our books for the tax filing in May and said we were right on the money.

I am glad to see many people using PayPal to renew their memberships and pay for their conference registrations. I have been using this service personally for years and have found it very secure for making payments. If you are still unsure of this service or have questions on using it, please feel free to shoot me an email.

Congrats to our scholarship winners! If you haven't applied before, it is free money that we offer for you just for writing just a short paragraph. The information can be found on our scholarship page, nyslaa.org/scholarships.html.

I am looking forward to writing those lottery winner checks. Good luck to all of you who bought tickets!

One housekeeping note, I will be taking down the CaféPress site I created for NYSLAA logo items since there was almost no interest. The Executive Council is working with our supplier for conference apparel to come up with a different site for general NYSLAA logo items. As I have asked in the past, if there is something specific you would like to see on this site for purchase, please let myself or anyone on EC know and we will try to make it available.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carrie Goetz

Membership Secretary

The 2014 membership year ended at 300 members. Years with our organization for members are: 13 twenty-five year, 4 twenty-four year, 3 twenty-three year, 1 twenty-two year, 8 twenty-one year; 7 twenty year; 7 nineteen year, 14 eighteen year, 12 seventeen year, 9 sixteen year, 9 fifteen year, 6 fourteen year, 6 thirteen year, 9 twelve year, 9 eleven year, 9 ten year, 8 nine year, 13 eight year, 11 seven year, 16 six year, 21 five year, 6 four year, 18 three year, 34 two year and 44 of our members were new. Associate status is held by 38 of our members.

The regional distribution of members is:

- (1) Capital District Library Council—29 (20, 23, 21, 20, 35, 23)
- (2) Central New York Library Resources Council—26 (27, 28, 28, 31, 39, 53)
- (3) Long Island Library Resources Council—9 (10, 33, 12, 23, 19, 26)
- (4) Metropolitan New York Library Council—63 (55, 67, 31, 36, 62, 82)
- (5) Northern Country Library Council—20 (23, 14, 15, 17, 15, 18)
- (6) Rochester Regional Library Council—53 (60, 77, 79, 85, 88, 94)
- (7) South Central Research Library Council—50 (46, 48, 56, 63, 63, 62)
- (8) Southeastern New York Library Resources Council—23 (26, 20, 19, 27, 22, 25)
- (9) Western New York Library Resources Council—21 (24, 48, 26, 27, 28, 34)

Out of state members—7 (8, 9, 8, 10, 11, 11)

**Numbers in parenthesis are 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010, 2009, and 2008 totals.*

Types of institutions represented by this year's membership are:

College and University—90 (94, 102, 90, 103, 120, 131)

Junior College—16 (15, 15, 14, 18, 20, 26)

Law—6 (5, 9, 6, 9, 12, 26)

Medical—4 (1, 5, 3, 8, 8, 10)

Non-library—25 (22, 19, 18, 17, 13, 17)

Public—153 (157, 195, 151, 165, 187, 206)

School—5 (3, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 10)

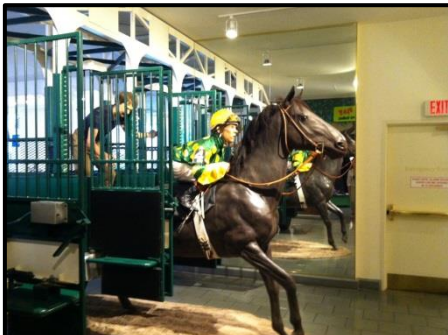
Special—2 (2, 6, 7, 11, 11, 6)

** Numbers in parenthesis are 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010, 2009, and 2008 totals.*

The 2014 Membership directory is in the works and should be ready for online viewing shortly. Printed copies will only be available upon request.

I would like to thank Beverly Murphy, SUNY Geneseo, for her assistance in processing the registrations for the 2014 conference.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Hanna



They're off! National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame

Old Red Spring in Saratoga Springs



Conference Coordinator

The first half of 2014 was spent working on the conference planning that was started in 2013. The conference was held at the Holiday Inn, in Saratoga Springs, NY. Michele Matthews and Michele Giuffre co-chaired the committee from the Troy/Albany area to organize the workshops and donations. I worked with the hotel for the catering and other onsite arrangements as well as the other venues we used. We offered a trolley tour of the historic area springs and a Bath and Spa tour. The mixer was held at the historic Inn at Saratoga. There was a wonderful selection of workshops. Thursday's event was held at the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame. It included a guided tour of the museum and a dinner in the Hall of Fame. The keynote address was given by Kathleen Pingelski on developing skills for the future. The conference evaluations were good and it was rated a success. A large thank you goes to the two Micheles and their committee for their work helping me put together another great NYSLAA conference.



At the conference, the group from Metro in NYC expressed a desire to host in 2015. We started looking into hotels in the city and quickly realized that we could not afford to hold our conference in Manhattan. I pursued looking at hotels a little farther out but then it was going to be difficult for Metro to help as travel would be an issue. We decided that more time was needed to plan a conference in the area and they opted to hold off for now. I contacted a couple of our faithful members and it wasn't long before I found a willing host. Sheila Tshudy stepped up to host 2015, returning to Corning. She pulled together a small planning group and I started working with the Radisson. That was easy since Sheila's daughter is the sales manager! Everything is coming together nicely. We have rented the entire Park Ave Sports Center for our Thursday evening event. We will have a hot buffet and full use of the facility



including mini golf, batting cages, a rock climbing wall, etc. The workshop selection looks great. Watch the web site for more information.

This is the most time consuming (but also one of the most rewarding) job for NYSLAA. The time requirement is steady through the year. Since the position makes so many financial decisions and commitments, the Executive Council decided that the Conference Coordinator should be an Officer. The Constitution and Bylaws were amended, voted on, and passed by the membership. Now I am looking for a helper. Someone I can work with on the next couple conferences so they can get a feel for the job. I hope to retire soon and would like to mentor someone now to take over. The conference coordinator works with the venues and the local committee; creates the conference brochure and program; watches the expenses; sets the registration fee, all with EC's approval. If you are interested, please contact me.

Respectfully submitted
Ruth V. Oberg

Donations Committee

In May 2014 I undertook the role of NYSLAA's Donations Committee Chair. Assuming this role one month prior to the conference left me little time to be successful. After compiling a large list, I contacted over 75 library vendors, professional organizations, and businesses in hopes of obtaining some support, either monetary, donations of supplies, or raffle items. Unfortunately, most did not reply. Of the few that did, only a small portion donated. I learned a valuable lesson from this – you need to make contacts early in the year, by mid-year their money is gone.

I've been scanning lists of grant opportunities, and have found a few that I will be applying for. Unfortunately our tax status makes us ineligible for most grants. I'm not giving up though! I've been exploring other options, opportunities, and fund-raising avenues and am looking for some positive outcomes. I personally visited local businesses in the Corning area, asking for their

support, and look forward to their replies. If you have any ideas or suggestions that would benefit future NYSLAA conferences, I would love to hear from you!

Respectfully submitted,
Sheila Tshudy

Public Relations Committee

It has been such an honor, taking hold of the duties and responsibilities of this position. I'm trying to keep busy and prove myself worthy to all of you. I have been writing to all of the "nine regions", and many of the academic and public libraries within each region, as well as our associates outside of NY State. I have sent over 350 emails out over the last few months. Even just a few new members and conference attendees would be worth it! Please continue to spread the word in your libraries and do your part to help our Association continue to grow and prosper professionally.

In December I began the process of updating our proclamation by resolution to the state assembly with the help of Assemblyman Fred W. Thiele, Jr and his Office Manager Lisa M. Lombardo. They were kind enough to get our resolution passed last year, and have already begun the process for 2015. Our new Resolution asks for April 12 through 18, 2015 be proclaimed "National Library Assistants Week", and April 16th to be New York State Library Assistants Day.

Our Association has such community based humanitarianism, professionalism and a statewide audience that it very much deserves the recognition of its governments. I am so proud to be a member of this organization, and I hope you are too!

We would like to see this membership continue to grow and expand to all libraries within New York state and beyond.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Davis, Chair



Community Outreach Committee

At our 2014 NYSLAA Conference in Saratoga Springs, with the generous hearts of our members, this Committee collected and delivered a large and appreciated donation to the Saratoga County Animal Shelter, including: money collected, pet foods, blankets and other linen supplies, collars and leashes as well as fun toys for the displaced pets boarding there. It was a real honor to accept their appreciation on their behalf, and I just want to share that with you.

At last years' conference, we also collected and delivered an abundance of toiletries, clothing, blankets and food stuff to the Shelters of Saratoga (S.O.S.) homeless shelter. We had several residents join us in emptying the truck and back seat of the car. We were also able to hand over a nice financial donation that we collected in a jug at the conference. Everyone was excited to be receiving these donations, but not as excited or proud as we were, being able to deliver them. We were able to get a photo of us with the manager of the home, as well as a few residents. Some photos were shared on Facebook and the listserv after the conference. Again, we share their heartfelt thanks, from them to you, for your generosity.

At our conference in Corning in 2015 the Committee has been busy, especially our host this year Sheila Tshudy who is on the committee. We will be accepting donations for the "Corning Community Food Pantry" and the Tanner's P.A.W.S., Animal Rescue & Shelter. We will also be accepting donations of school supplies and back packs to share with needing children in the area. We have no doubts your enthusiasm in giving back to the community will be typically generous, and we want to thank you all in advance for helping us meet our goals for community outreach.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Davis, Chair



Certificate of Achievement

Current Committee Members are Michele Matthews, Coordinator, Carrie Goetz, Michele Giuffre, Kathy Rossello, Melissa Tidd, and Sheila Tshudy.

10 people were awarded their certificate at this year's conference. They are:

Betty Albright	Bethlehem Public Library	Level IV-Public Services
Jennifer Bigenwald	St. John Fisher College	Level III-General Library Services
Kathryn Croft	SUNY College at Oneonta	Level IV-Administration/Management
Mona Farrow	Old Dominion University	Level IV-Public Services
Dawn Gage	SUNY College at Oneonta	Level IV-Administration/Management
Diana Golemb	University of Rochester	Level IV-Public Services
Lisa Grant	College of St. Rose	Level IV-Technical Services
Sue Lefebvre	Champlain Valley Education Services	Level IV-General Library Services
Sally McMaster	University of Rochester	Level IV-Public Services
Tammy Southard	SUNY College at Oneonta	Level IV-Technical Services

Michele Matthews presented a Certificate of Achievement workshop at Guernsey Memorial Library in December 2014 at the request of their library director Connie Darymple.

Respectfully submitted,
Michele Matthews



End of Annual Reports

NYLA, and your library, needs your help! Please attend if possible.

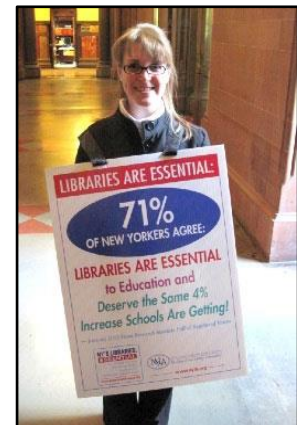
NYLA Library Advocacy Day

Wednesday, February 25, 2015

Each year library advocates from across New York State converge on Albany to voice their support for funding and policies that benefit libraries. Their efforts have resulted in over \$7M in additional library aid since 2011.

Check with your library or local Council to see if a group is going from your area.

For more information go to: www.nyla.org. Click on the Advocacy dropdown tab and then select Advocacy Day from the options.



Move Your Career Forward: Syracuse University Tuition Awards for Library Employees

Syracuse University's School of Information Studies (iSchool) supports your passion for librarianship and continuous development of your career. If you work or have previously worked in the field of library and information science, and want to pursue an ALA accredited Library and Information Science (LIS) or LIS School Media (LISSM) master's degree, you are eligible to apply for the iSchool's Library Employee 25% Tuition Award. This tuition award may also be applied to the certificate of advanced study (CAS) in Data Science. You also have the flexibility to apply this award to study full or part-time study, online or on campus, whatever best meets your needs. To apply, you must be an applicant to one of the qualifying programs, submit a 500 word essay describing your work in libraries, and provide a letter of recommendation from your library supervisor.

The Master of Science in Library and Information Science (LIS) program is a 36-credit degree program that prepares you to work in a broad range of organizations, such as an academic institution, a government agency, a corporation, or a cultural center. You may also strategically select your electives to simultaneously earn a CAS in subject areas like Data Science and Cultural Heritage Preservation.

The iSchool's Master of Science in Library and Information Science: School Media (LISSM) program is the perfect program if you want to work in a school library. The 37-credit LISSM curriculum focuses on the skills to instruct children in grades pre-K through 12 in all areas of literacy and technology fluency. The LISSM program infuses all New York State Department of Education requirements into the curriculum, so there is no need to take additional education courses.

For information on all of the awards available for our Master's in Library and Information Science programs visit ischool.syr.edu/lisawards. Contact our team directly for more information at igrad@syr.edu.

Eileen Lemley Conference Scholarship (ELCS)

Eileen Lemley Conference Scholarship (ELCS), previously known as the NYSLAA Conference



Contest, has been renamed to honor the memory of Eileen Lemley who passed away while attending the 2014 conference. Eileen loved working in the library and attending NYSLAA conferences. The recipient will receive a full conference

registration, up to two night's lodging, the mixer, and one tour of your choice. Entries will be accepted from March 1st to March 31st. Applicants must complete a form and write an essay on "what NYSLAA means to me and why I want to attend the annual conference." Only members who do not receive any funding from their library may apply.

Find the application form and more information soon on the web at nyslaa.org/scholarships.html

Library Assistants Day!!

This year **April 16, 2015** will be designated as New York State Library Assistants' Day! Nancy Davis, our Public Relations Chair, has contacted the New York Legislature to begin the process. Start planning and let us know how you celebrated it!

Celebrate Your
Brilliance!

Membership Update

Donna Hanna, Membership Secretary

Membership for 2015 is at 72 and three members are new.

Renewal reminders were mailed out to 2014 members the last week of January. Membership cards for 2015 members that have renewed before the last week in February will be mailed along with the conference brochure the first week of March.

If you move, please be sure to alert me that you have a new address. This will help avoid unnecessary delays in receiving your membership mailings.

As always, if you have a question regarding your membership or if you need a letter verifying your years of NYSLAA membership for the Certificate of Achievement Program please let me know via hanna@geneseo.edu.

Welcome New Members

Alison Bedette
Naciah Bell
Lydia Kibler

Palmyra Community Library
University at Buffalo, Oscar A. Silverman Library
Jamestown Community College, Hultquist Library



Award Nominations



Each year, NYSLAA seeks nominations from its members for each of these awards. The Executive Council reviews the nominations in April of each year and notifies the recipients. The awards are presented at the annual conference in June.

Craig Koste Award for Outstanding Service

In 1992 the Executive Council created "The NYSLAA Award for Outstanding Service" specifically for New York State library assistants who are members of NYSLAA. Its name was changed in 1995 to honor Craig Koste, a library assistant who passed away and bequeathed an endowment to NYSLAA. The award recognizes those library assistants who have distinguished themselves by their service to our organization and to the library assistants of New York on either a state or local level. A stipend of \$100 will be given to the library of the winner for collection development.

Ray Murray Award

In 1989 the Ray Murray Award was created to honor Ray Murray, a librarian who opened the door for the creating of the annual library assistants' conference, thereby laying the groundwork for NYSLAA. The Ray Murray Award is given to librarians, library directors, trustees, board members or others who have contributed to the recognition and/or professional growth of library assistants.

To nominate for either award, please compile a packet including: your nomination letter, supporting letters, and any other pertinent documentation. The deadline for the submission is **March 31st**. See nyslaa.org for more information.

Send nomination packets (or questions) for either award to the NYSLAA President. (*See page 2.*)



NYSLAA

Eileen Lemley Conference Scholarship

NYSLAA will award one (or more) scholarship(s) per conference.

This Scholarship is named after a long time NYSLAA member who loved attending the annual conference. Eileen Lemley passed away during the 2014 conference. This award, previously called the NYSLAA Conference Contest, was renamed in her honor in hopes of helping another member achieve the same appreciation for the annual conferences as Eileen had.

To qualify for the Eileen Lemley Conference Scholarship (ELSC), you must:

- ❖ Be a current regular member of NYSLAA
- ❖ Be a NYSLAA member for the previous consecutive three years
- ❖ **NOT** receive any conference funding from your institution

To apply for a scholarship submit the following to the NYSLAA President:

- ❖ The completed application form below
- ❖ A written statement of 150 to 300 words explaining:
“What NYSLAA means to me and why I would love to attend the conference.”
- ❖ A letter from the NYSLAA Membership Secretary verifying your years of membership.

Please note:

- ❖ Applications will be accepted between March 1st and March 31st.
- ❖ The award will cover full conference registration, the mixer, up to two nights lodging in the conference designated venue, and your choice of one tour.
- ❖ This does not cover apparel.
- ❖ First consideration will be given to those applicants who have not received the ELCS scholarship previously.
- ❖ Scholarships will be awarded for the upcoming June conference.

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone Number: _____

Signature: _____

Return completed packet to the NYSLAA President. (see nyslaa.org)