

Midwest Chapter of MLA Invites Applications for the Phyllis J. Schoonover Scholarship for Student Members

**75th Annual Meeting
October 13-15, 2016
Bloomington-Normal, Illinois**



I. The scholarship supports portions of the expenses related to attending this year's annual chapter meeting October 13-15 in Bloomington-Normal, Illinois. The application deadline is August 26, 2016.

The Scholarship may be awarded for up to \$500, and may be used to offset the following conference expenses:

1. Lodging for the two nights of the conference (Thursday and Friday) at one-half of the double occupancy rate;
2. Expenses for meals, reimbursed at the CONUS rate for one full day (Friday) and two partial days (Thursday and Saturday);
3. Travel by car/plane/train/bus, generally by the least expensive method. (If mileage for a personal vehicle is awarded, it will be paid at the current IRS rate at the time of the conference. The business standard mileage rate beginning January 1, 2016 is 54 cents per mile.)
4. Other expenses related to attending the conference.

Award recipients who are not already members of the Midwest Chapter of MLA are expected to join prior to attending the October meeting. Join online at <http://www.mlamidwest.org/>.

Supporting our colleagues' involvement in the life of the chapter is a priority! **Students currently enrolled in library school are eligible** for this opportunity and are encouraged to apply. Applicants must attend a library school program in one of the states comprising the Midwest Chapter (Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, and Wisconsin), and must also aspire to become a music librarian. Priority will be given to second-year student applicants. Previous recipients may reapply for the scholarship, but priority would be given to first-time recipients.

II. Applicants must submit the following to arrive by August 26, 2016. Applicants will be evaluated on the quality of the application.

1. A cover sheet with the following information: date of application; name of applicant/nominee; email address of applicant/nominee; name of nominating chapter member (if applicable); and name of library school.
2. A cover letter describing the applicant's interests in music librarianship and why attending the meeting would be meaningful (up to 200 words). Applicants should include a statement of professional goals as they related to conference attendance.

3. A brief budget for travel and lodging.
4. A current résumé or vita;
5. One letter of support. Where applicable, it should be from a current supervisor or professor.

III. The application deadline is August 26, 2016. Please submit application to the Scholarship Committee member Eleanor Lange by e-mail or US mail. Late applications will not be considered.

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If you have any questions, please contact Eleanor Lange via email at eleanor.lange@interlochen.org or via phone at (231)276-7232.

Recipients will be notified no later than September 2, 2016, and announced on MWMLA-L immediately thereafter. Please note that the Midwest Chapter of MLA may elect to pay directly for travel and hotel expenses on the recipient's behalf and only supply the balance, if any, of an award following the 2016 Bloomington-Normal meeting.