



TLA Conference Stipend 2024

Description:

In keeping with Biblionix's devotion to small and medium-sized public libraries, they offer a \$500 travel stipend for attendance at the 2024 conference of The Texas Library Association (TLA) in Dallas, Texas. A committee designated by the TLA Small Community Library Round Table (SCLRT) will choose the recipient. Eligibility requirements are:

- o Library director or staff at a Public Library
- o Member of TLA and SCLRT

The funds can be used to cover the following conference expenses:

- Conference Registration
- Pre-conference workshop
- Travel costs
- Meal functions at the conference
- Expenses (meals, cabs, etc.)
- Cost of replacement staff if needed

Requirements are:

- Volunteer for a minimum of 4 hours at the conference
 - o 2 hours minimum at the SCLRT booth (arrange schedule with SCLRT)
 - o 2 hours of your choosing
- Attend pre-conferences, workshops, and/or sessions such that you attain a minimum of 8 CE credits
- Attend the SCLRT business meeting and Social
- Complete a one-page summary of your experience, discussing highlights of what you did, what was most rewarding, and how this grant process could be improved. Send to the same address as the grant submittal by March 8, 2024.
- Serve on the Biblionix TLA/SCLRT Stipend selection committee in 2024.

Recognition:

- Coverage (including recipient's name, position, and library) on SCLRT, TLA, Texas Library Systems, and Biblionix communications.

Schedule:

- March 8, 2024 5:00 pm: Applications must be received no later than this date/time.
- 03/25/2024: Notification/Announcement of Recipient
- 04/01/2023: Stipend check mailed to Recipient

The stipend application does not register you for the conference or make any other travel reservations. Attendees should register directly with the TLA, airline, hotel, etc.

To apply, complete the attached 2-page application and return it by mail, email, etc. with required supporting document to:

Submit to:
Small Community Libraries Round Table
c/o Angela Alejandro
802 London St.
Castroville, TX 78009
library@castervilletx.gov

**TLA Conference 2024
Travel Stipend
Grant Application**

Library Name: _____

Applicant Name: _____ Title _____

Physical Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Current Automation System: _____

1) Answer the following questions in a brief narrative:

- a) Describe your position with the public library.
- b) What year did you last attend a TLA conference or would this be your first TLA conference?
- c) What would you hope to gain by attending the TLA Conference?
- d) How would attending the conference help you better serve your library and your community?

2. Describe briefly how you plan to spend the stipend.

3. Provide one letter of support for you to attend the conference (from your City Manager, County Judge, Chair of Governing Board, or your supervisor).

_____ Applicant's Signature