

Black Caucus Round Table Stipend Application for the 2027 TLA Annual Conference

Completed applications must be received by **11:59 p.m. Central on December 15, 2026**. All questions must be answered. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.

To qualify, you must be:

- A Black professional, paraprofessional, or student in the library science field
- Currently or formerly employed in a Texas library, **or** currently enrolled in a Texas library science program
- A registered member of the Texas Library Association for 2026-2027
- A current member of the Black Caucus Round Table (BCRT)

You are not eligible if you:

- Are a current BCRT officer
- Received BCRT funds between January 2026 and April 2027

If selected, you agree to:

- Volunteer at the BCRT Exhibit Hall booth during the conference
- Attend the BCRT Author Brunch (ticketed) and the BCRT Reception
- Work with other stipend recipients to give a brief presentation at a BCRT general meeting (held online), sharing takeaways from the 2027 TLA Conference

Application Questions:

1. **Personal background** (500–1,000 characters)
Briefly describe your library education and career path, including your current role and the communities you serve.
2. **Financial need**
What costs of attending the 2027 TLA Annual Conference are not already covered? How would this stipend change your ability to attend?
3. **Professional or academic benefit**
How would attending the 2027 TLA Annual Conference support your learning, professional development, and career goals over the next year? Describe the topics, skills, or professional connections you hope to explore or develop through the conference.
4. **BCRT involvement**
Recipients volunteer at the BCRT booth, attend BCRT conference events, present takeaways at a BCRT virtual meeting, and are encouraged to stay involved after the conference. How would your continued participation in TLA and BCRT benefit you and the communities you serve? How would TLA and BCRT benefit from your ongoing involvement?

Application Evaluation

Applications will be evaluated using the following criteria:

- **Completeness & Accuracy** – Application is complete, accurate, clear, and includes all required information.
- **Professional & Career Goals** – Applicant clearly describes professional or career goals and how the conference experience supports those goals.
- **Value of Conference Experience** – Applicant explains how attending TLA and participating in BCRT activities will contribute to professional development, knowledge, skills, or career growth.
- **Impact & Application of Learning** – Applicant describes how they expect to apply what they learn or share it with their library, organization, profession, or community.