

# TLA Award, Scholarship & Grant Webinar

How TLA Members can make the most of their membership with  
awards, scholarships or grants

# TLA Awards & Unit Awards



Texas Library Association supports many different awards, scholarships and several grants every year depending on the level of support we have received in that current year



Each TLA award or scholarship is managed by the TLA Standing Committees



Each unit award is managed by the executive leadership team of that unit (aka unit officers)



Details for all awards are located on [txla.org](http://txla.org)

# TLA Awards: Benefactor Award

The Texas Library Association Benefactor Award recognizes substantial donations such as land, buildings, stocks, cash, and collections by individuals, institutions, and foundations.

## What is on the application?

- Information on the gift, its size and nature
- Written explanation of other gifts inspired by this donation or increased support by other library constituents
- Up to 5 supporting documents

# TLA Awards:

## Distinguished Service

The Texas Library Association Distinguished Service Award is presented to a librarian who has demonstrated substantial leadership in the profession and provided outstanding services in one or more areas of the library profession. TLA membership is required for this award.

### What is on the application?

- Specific leadership activities, achievements or contributions in the library profession
- Recognitions & awards
- Resume
- Up to 5 supporting documents

# **TLA Awards:**

## **Librarian of the Year**

The Texas Library Association's Librarian of the Year Award is given to a librarian who has demonstrated extraordinary leadership and service within the library community over the past 12 – 18 months. TLA membership is required for this reward.

### **What is on the application?**

- Specific leadership or service in the library community in the past 12 – 18 months.
- Recognitions & awards
- Resume
- Up to 5 supporting documents



## **TLA Awards:**

# **Libraries Change Communities**

The Texas Library Association Libraries Change Communities Award is presented to a collaborative community effort that recognizes positive achievements and promotes outstanding library-based initiatives in Texas.

### **What is on the application?**

- Description of the initiative and its impact on the community
- Names and contact info of those responsible for the initiative
- Up to 5 supporting documents

# **TLA Awards:**

## **Lifetime Achievement**

The Texas Library Association Lifetime Achievement Award is given to a librarian who has been a long-standing member of TLA. The award recognizes an exemplary career in librarianship, an extended record of services, active participation in professional organizations, and creative leadership and service to the library profession.

### **What is on the application?**

- Librarian service career record
- Personal organization participation
- Leadership roles in library profession
- Personal or community achievements
- Recognition and awards
- Resume and up to 5 reference letters

## **TLA Awards:**

# **Outstanding Services to Libraries**

Recognizes an individual or organization that demonstrates outstanding advocacy and support for libraries such as advancement of library services, development and promotion of sound library policies and standards, successful advocacy to the community, significant contribution to the promotion of library legislation, and active participation in TLA.

### **What is on the application?**

- Achievements and contributions to library service
- Recognition and awards
- Activities and information pertinent to nomination
- Resume
- Up to 5 letters of reference



## **TLA Awards:**

# **Wayne Williams Library Project of the Year**

The Texas Library Association Wayne Williams Library Project of the Year Award recognizes a project that showcases the highest levels of achievement, professional standards; and provides inspiration to other libraries.

### **What is on the application?**

- Include a description of the project
- Improvements noted in library service as a result of the project
- Individuals responsible for the project
- Who was impacted by the project
- Up to 5 reference letters

# TLA Awards Application

- Where to find it
- What to gather ahead of time
- How can apply? Must be a current TLA member
- How to apply:
  - You can apply for multiple awards using one application
  - You can self-nominate or nominate someone else
  - What if my application is not chosen this year?

## TLA Awards Nomination Form

Use this form to nominate TLA members for any of the following awards: Librarian of the Year, Distinguished Service Award, Lifetime Achievement, Outstanding Services to Libraries, Wayne William Project of the Year, Libraries Change Communities Award, and Benefactor Award. Nominations are due by Jan. 15, 2025.

### TLA Awards Application

Use this form to submit a nomination for the following TLA Awards: Librarian of the Year Award, Distinguished Service Award, Lifetime Achievement Award, Outstanding Services to Libraries Award, Wayne Williams Library Project of the Year Award, Libraries Change Communities Award, or Benefactor Award. You must submit one form per nominee. You can nominate the same individual for multiple awards on one form. Be prepared to upload supporting documents for each award including: letters of support, resume, etc. You cannot save the form and return to complete it at a later time, so please have all information and supporting documents ready when you begin the form. Once submitted, the form cannot be edited.

Step 1 of 2



### Nominee Information

Name of the Nominee

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Prefix	First	Middle	Last	Suffix

# TLA Scholarships

- **Ray C. Janeway Scholarship \$2,000**

- Texas resident
- Attained at least a B average during the last two years of a baccalaureate program
- Accepted as a graduate student at a Texas ALA-accredited, or Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) library education program

- **Vivian Greenfield Award \$1,500**

- Texas resident
- TLA member in good standing
- Supporting educational endeavors reinforcing work with youth. This can include but is not limited to professional development activities (like taking a course or attending a conference), implementing a new idea in the workplace, performing a study, and more

# TLA Scholarships

- **Walter H. Escue Memorial Scholarship \$500**

- Texas resident
- Concentrating studies in Technical Services, Systems Administration, or Library Automation
- Attained at least a B average during the last two years of a baccalaureate degree program
- Accepted as a graduate student at a Texas ALA-accredited, or Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) library education program

- **TLA Summer School Scholarship \$500**

- Texas resident
- Attained at least a B average during the last two years of a baccalaureate degree program
- Must be registered for MLS degree courses during a summer session at a Texas ALA-accredited, or Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) library education program. (While applicants may be enrolled year-round, the scholarship applies only to the summer session)

# TLA Scholarships

- **Escue Conference Stipend \$500**
  - Texas resident
  - TLA member in good standing
  - Awarded to a library paraprofessional employee
- **Van Dusen-Kaiser-LaBoon Scholarship \$1000**
  - **Awarded only in even-numbered years, next award in 2026**
  - Texas resident
  - Pursuing graduate studies leading to a career as school librarian
  - Attained at least a B average during the last two years of a baccalaureate degree program
  - Accepted as a graduate student at a Texas ALA accredited, or Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) library education program

# TLA Scholarship Application

- Where to find it: <https://txla.org/awards-scholarships-stipends/tla-awards-scholarships/tla-scholarships/about/>
- What to gather ahead of time:
  - GPA history
  - Supervisor contact information
  - Graduation expected date information
  - Completed hours
  - Reference Name and Email Addresses
- Prerequisites: Must be a current TLA member
- How to use the application
  - You can apply for multiple scholarships using one application



# TLA Grants Application

- Jeanette & Jim Larson Grant

- for public library materials in the mystery genre.
- At least one \$500 award given

- Christina Woll's Memorial Fund Grant

- for any Texas public or school library that serves children 12 or under.
- \$1,000

## **TLA HEB Conference Stipend**

- HEB offering 50 stipends to cover conference registration and help defray cost of travel to the annual conference.
- Applicant must be the one attending the conference
- \$750 towards registration and travel
- Must be traveling 50+ miles to attend the conference



# TLA Awards Committee

- How is the TLA Awards Committee selected every year?
  - Every year the committee is appointed by the TLA President-Elect. 1 year appointments.
- Who is on the committee?
  - TLA Member volunteers
- How do we ensure there are no conflicts of interest when selecting award winners?
  - TLA committee members do not grade or review applications from their affiliated institutions
- How are the final award winners selected?
  - Committee members review and grade all applications that are submitted and determine the top qualifying candidates for each award

# TLA Scholarship & Grants Committee

- How is the TLA Scholarship & Grants Committee selected every year?
  - The TLA President-Elect appoints the new scholarship & grant committee members, 3 year appointments.
- Who is on the committee? TLA member volunteers
- How are the final scholarship recipients selected?
  - Committee reviews and grades all applications that are submitted and chooses the top selections for each award

# Other Awards & Stipends

TLA helps facilitate several other awards that are managed by separate parties.

- **Sam Whitten Intellectual Freedom Award** – managed by the TLA Intellectual Freedom Committee
- **Branding Iron Awards** – managed by the TLA PR & Marketing Committee
- **Texas Youth Creator Awards** – youth awards managed by the Texas Youth Creator Awards committee
- **Texas Bluebonnet Award** – awards voted on by students across the state and managed by TBA committees
- **Frank Dobie Grants** – managed by Tocker Foundation
- **Stipends** – several TLA groups offer stipends to attend events throughout the year, such as annual conference, TALL Texans, Launch, etc. Refer to each unit for more information about unit stipends.



# Timeline

- Awards, Scholarship, and Grant applications open every year mid-September
- Applications are promoted to TLA members by TLA Staff, standing committees and executive board members
- Awards, Scholarship, and Grant applications close January 31
- Both committees will meet separately to determine the final recipients and notify winners and non-recipients by the end of February
- Invitations to the annual conference will be sent to recipients by March 1 (if applicable)

# Recognition at Annual Conference

- TLA Award winners will be recognized at the TLA Annual Conference during the general sessions.
- Any registered attendee is allowed to attend the general session to watch the award sessions.
- TLA Award winners will receive 2 complimentary award guest passes to invite their loved ones to attend the session.
- TLA Award recipient will also receive 1 complimentary full-week conference registration for themselves.
- TLA offers single day registration options for those guests only wanting to attend a specific general session outside of the complimentary passes offered.
- TLA Award winner will be asked to accept the award on stage during the general session (details on time/date will be announced closer to the conference and communicated with recipients in detail)
- If a group is being recognized for an award, only 2 representatives from that group will be allowed on stage.

# Recognition at Annual Conference

- TLA Award & grant recipients will be recognized in the Texas Library Journal
- TLA scholarship & grant recipients will be recognized during the annual conference general session slides.
- TLA award and grant recipients will be recognized on the [txla.org](http://txla.org) website.
- TLA award, scholarship and grant winners will be recognized in the monthly TLA newsletter – TLA Cast.

# Questions & Answers

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