



SCHOLARSHIP POLICY

The Washoe County Library Board of Trustees has established a scholarship program to help Washoe County Library System staff members further their development by encouraging learning in Library Science. The Library Board of Trustees offers to staff enrolled in a formal MLS Degree program or in the Librarian Certification Program a scholarship up to \$2,000 per year, contingent on funds available.

Eligibility

- Successful completion of a year (2,080 hours) of employment and performance appraisal ratings of “meets expectations” or above
- Acceptance in an American Library Association-accredited graduate school of Library and Information Sciences;
OR
Acceptance in a Librarian Certification Program
- Completion of an application form submitted to the Board of Trustees

Recipients who resign or are terminated for cause before working the equivalent of six months full-time (1,040 hours) after graduation or certification will be required to repay their scholarship(s) in full. Recipients who resign or are terminated for cause before working the equivalent of two years full-time (4,160 hours) after graduation or certification will be required to pay back a prorated portion of awarded funds.

Recipients not receiving a graduate degree or certificate within the time frame outlined by their educational institution will repay their scholarship(s) in full.

A recipient may appeal the requirement to repay a scholarship to the Library Board of Trustees.

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