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**ALA establishes EBSCO ALA Conference Scholarship Award**

The American Library Association (ALA) has established the EBSCO Subscription Services ALA Conference Scholarship Award designed to help librarians attend ALA's Midwinter Meetings and Annual Conferences.

EBSCO has committed to funding five awards for the Midwinter Meeting and five for the Annual Conference each year for three years. Each award will reimburse the winner up to \$1,000 in actual expenses. Award administration and selection will be managed solely by ALA.

Applicants must be ALA members and must submit an essay of no more than 200 words answering the question, "How does attending an ALA conference contribute to your professional development?"

Midwinter awards are designated for an ALA member who has been assigned or appointed for the first time to any committee of ALA or any of its units. Annual Conference Awards will be given to an ALA member who does not supervise another professional (master's degree in library science) librarian. No person may receive the award more than once.

The new scholarship replaces the large reception previously sponsored by EBSCO during ALA conferences. The company feels the new award is a better use of its contributions especially in light of financial constraints facing most ALA members, according to Joe K. Weed, EBSCO vice president and director of marketing.

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"We want to continue to support the vital function that ALA and its conferences fulfill in the careers and continuing education of America's librarians' by supporting attendance of librarians at the Midwinter Meetings and Annual Conferences through these awards," Weed said.

Applications are available by contacting: Judy Hambrick, ALA Programs, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611. Telephone: 800-545-2433, ext. 3247, or 312-280-3247.

Applications to attend the 1994 Midwinter Meeting must be received by **June 1, 1993**. For attendance at the 1994 Annual Conference, applications must be received by **December 1, 1993**.

They should be sent to: Bob Smith, Chair, ALA Awards Committee, Medina County Public Library, 210 S. Broadway, Medina, OH 44256. Telephone: 216-722-4142.

Winners of the 1994 Midwinter Meeting Awards will be announced at the ALA Membership Meeting during the ALA Annual Conference, June 24-July 1, 1993, in New Orleans.