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Applicants sought for ALA Minority Fellowship Program

Applicants are being sought for the 1993-94 American Library Association (ALA) Minority Fellowship Program. **The deadline is April 1.**

The program is designed to provide an opportunity for minority librarians to gain an understanding of ALA's structure and operations, how policy is formulated and implemented and association management. It is intended to improve the upward mobility of minority librarians, make ALA better known and more visible to minorities and minority librarians and increase the number of minorities in the profession and in the ALA.

The selected fellow will spend 70 to 75 percent of the year-long program working in an ALA division or program at ALA Headquarters in Chicago, 20 percent on an independent special project and 5 to 10 percent in overall ALA activities and association management workshops.

To qualify, an applicant must: be a librarian/information professional; a member of the following minority groups --American Indian or Alaskan Native, Asian or Pacific/Islander, African-American or Latino; hold a master's degree from an ALA-accredited library science program or from a program that meets the ALA/American Association of School Librarians (AASL) curriculum guidelines within a unit accredited by the National Council for

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the Accreditation of Teacher Education; have a minimum of three years professional working experience in a library or information science environment, and be a member of ALA at the start of the fellowship.

The 1993-94 stipend for the ALA Minority Fellow is \$30,000 plus medical, dental and disability insurance and relocation assistance to Chicago.

To obtain more information about the program or to receive application materials, contact: ALA Office for Library Outreach Services, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611. Telephone: 800-545-2433, ext. 4294.

The ALA Minority Fellowship Advisory Board provides oversight for the program and is chaired by Maureen Sullivan, organizational development consultant, New Haven, Conn. Other advisory board members are: Gloria J. Coles, director, Flint (Mich.) Public Library; Yolanda J. Cuesta, chief of library development services, California State Library, Sacramento; Judith Sessions, dean, Miami University Library, Oxford, Ohio; Susan Roman, executive director, Association for Library Service to Children and American Library Trustees Association, Chicago; Margaret Myers, director, ALA Office for Library Personnel Resources, Chicago, and Mattye Nelson, director, ALA Office for Library Outreach Services, Chicago. Nelson also serves as project manager.