

WVLS SCHOLARSHIP

2015 ARSL Conference

OVERVIEW

The Wisconsin Valley Library Service is offering a scholarship to a director or branch manager of a member public library to attend the 2015 Association of Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL) Conference. This year's conference, themed **Rockin' in Little Rock**, will be held September 30-October 1-3, in Little Rock, Arkansas. The 2015 conference will feature preconference workshops, concurrent sessions and an exhibition featuring companies/vendors relevant to the profession.

The ARSL conference is specifically targeted for rural library staff. Previous conference topics have included building community advocacy; effective trustee recruitment; inexpensive programming ideas; innovative web services with few resources; virtual networking; and many more.

Full conference details, when published, can be found at <http://arsl.info/category/conferences/2015-conference/>

THE SCHOLARSHIP

The ARSL scholarship is a *full* scholarship to attend the ARSL conference and covers the following:

- a one-year membership in ARSL (\$9-\$39 depending on applicant's salary)
- conference registration
- transportation to/from the conference (airfare, mileage to/from Wisconsin airport; fees to park car at airport; cab fare to hotel/back to airport;
- conference lodging (Little Rock Marriott; \$139/night)
- conference meals (Any meals outside the conference will be covered at WVLS per diem rate)

SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY AND REQUIREMENTS

- Applicant must work at a small or rural library or library branch (serving 10,000 or fewer) in the WVLS area.
- Applicant must have one year of experience working as a public library director or library branch manager prior to application deadline.
- Preference will be given applicants who have not attended an ARSL conference.
- Must share knowledge gained with fellow library directors/branch managers via a written report submitted to WVLS within 60 days of the conference.
- Applicant must submit completed and signed application form by deadline provided in scholarship application.

TO APPLY

The scholarship application form is available on the WVLS website at _____ Questions about the scholarship may be directed to Sue Hafemeister at 715.261.7251 or shafemeister@wvls.org

Completed applications should be sent to Sue Hafemeister, Wisconsin Valley Library Service, 300 N First Street, Wausau, WI 54403; shafemeister@wvls.org

Applications must be received at the WVLS office by **August 1, 2015**. Late applications will not be considered.

The scholarship winner will be announced August 17, 2015. Conference arrangements will be made within one week of the announcement.

2015 ARSL Scholarship Application

To be completed by the Public Library Director or Branch Manager

Name _____

Public Library _____

Population Served By Your Library _____

Are you a first time ARSL conference attendee? Yes _____ No _____

Indicate how your library will benefit from your attendance at this conference. Provide specific examples. This should be no more than one page in length.

By applying, I acknowledge that accepting this scholarship is contingent upon my attending the 2015 ARSL Conference. If I am unable to attend, I will notify WVLS immediately.

Also, within 60 days of my return from the conference, I will submit a written report of what I learned at the conference with WVLS.

Should I be unable to fulfill these requirements, I understand that I may be asked to reimburse WVLS for the scholarship within 90 days of the conference.

Public Library Director/Branch Manager Signature _____

Date _____

To be completed by the Public Library Board of Trustees President

If granted a scholarship, _____ has the _____
(name of applicant) (name of library)

Board's permission to attend the 2015 ARSL Conference. The Library Board of Trustees understands that the Director or Branch Manager will be required to share what they learned at the conference via a written report that is submitted to WVLS within 60 days of the conference, and that should the director/branch manager not fulfill the reporting requirements of this scholarship, your library will be required to reimburse the scholarship to WVLS within 90 days of the conference.

Public Library Board President's Name _____

Public Library Board President's Signature _____

Date _____