



# WVLS 2017 ARSL Conference Scholarship Overview and Application

## Overview

The Wisconsin Valley Library Service (WVLS) is offering a scholarship to a director or branch manager of a member public library to attend the 2017 Association of Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL) Conference. This year's conference, themed "Elevate Libraries from ARSL to Zion," will be held September 7-9 in St. George, Utah. The 2017 conference will feature pre-conference workshops, concurrent sessions and an exhibition featuring companies/vendors relevant to the profession. **Completed applications must be received by WVLS by May 12, 2017.**

The ARSL conference is specifically designed for rural library staff. Previous conference topics have included building community advocacy, effective trustee recruitment, safety procedures, inexpensive programming ideas, innovative web services, and more.

Full conference details can be found on the ARSL website: <http://arsl.info/annual-conference/>

## The Scholarship

The ARSL scholarship is a full scholarship and includes the following:

- A one-year membership in ARSL
- Conference registration
- Transportation to/from the conference
- Conference lodging
- Meals

## Eligibility and Requirements

- Applicants must submit a completed and signed application before the scholarship deadline.
- Applicants must work at a small or rural library branch serving a municipal population of 10,000 or less in the WVLS library system.
- Applicants must have one year of experience working as a public library director or library branch manager prior to application deadline.
- Preference will be given to applicants who have not attended an ARSL conference.
- Scholarship winners must share their experience and knowledge gained with library colleagues via a written report submitted to WVLS within 60 days of the conference.
- Scholarship winners must also provide an oral report during a conference review webinar to be scheduled within 90 days of the conference.

## To Apply

The scholarship application form is available on the WVLS website at: [wvls.org/arsl-conference-scholarship](http://wvls.org/arsl-conference-scholarship)  
Completed applications should be sent to Anne Hamland, Wisconsin Valley Library Service, 300 N First Street, Wausau, WI 54403; [comm.coordinator@wvls.org](mailto:comm.coordinator@wvls.org), (fax) 715-261-7259.

Questions about the scholarship may be directed to Anne Hamland at 715-261-7258 or [comm.coordinator@wvls.org](mailto:comm.coordinator@wvls.org).



# 2017 ARSL Scholarship Application

To be completed by the applicant.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Public Library \_\_\_\_\_

Population Served by your Library \_\_\_\_\_

Have you attended an ARSL conference? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

## Essay

How will your library benefit from your attendance at this conference? Please 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 2017 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 to WVLS and present an oral report during a conference review webinar to be scheduled within 90 days of the conference.

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.

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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## To be completed by the Public Library Board of Trustees President

If granted a scholarship \_\_\_\_\_ has the \_\_\_\_\_

(Applicant Name)

(Name of Library)

board's permission to attend the 2017 ARSL Conference in St. George, Utah. The Library Board of Trustees understands that the applicant will be required to share what they learned at the conference via a written report submitted to WVLS within 60 days of the conference and an oral report via a conference review webinar to be scheduled within 90 days of the conference and that should the applicant not fulfill the requirements of this scholarship, the applicant or library will not be reimbursed for conference expenses.

Public Library Board President's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Public Library Board President's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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