

YALSA Board of Directors Meeting  
ALA Annual Conference, New Orleans  
June 22 – 26, 2018

**Topic:** Mid-Career Travel Stipend Proposal

**Background:** At YALSA’s 2018 Midwinter Meeting, the Board reviewed document #22 regarding member grants and awards and voted to direct the President to appoint two short-term member groups to develop a proposal for two new awards, and to submit them to the Board for review for the June 2018 meeting. Kim Farnsworth, Chair of the Mid-Career Travel Stipend Award Taskforce, has presented the award proposal below for the board’s consideration.

**Action Required:** Consent

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**Item #1. Proposed Name of the Award**

The proposed name is the YA Symposium Mid-Career Travel Stipend

**Item #2. Definition, Purpose and Criteria**

YALSA’s YA Symposium Mid-Career Travel Stipend enables one qualified recipient to attend the annual YA Services Symposium. The stipend offers up to \$1,000 to a library worker who works for or with young adults, regardless of the type of library they work in, with at least 8 years of experience, and who has not had the opportunity to attend an ALA Annual conference or YALSA YA Services Symposium for five or more years.

**Item #3. Rationale**

The mission of the Young Adult Library Services Association is to advocate, promote, and strengthen service to young adults as part of the continuum of total library service, and to support those who provide service to this population. As young adults’ needs and interests change, the libraries and library staff who serve them must also adapt. The purpose of this award is for active professionals to renew and update their knowledge and skills to better meet this challenge. The award would enable those selected to attend the YA Symposium which offers:

- Exposure to best practices in all aspects of teen services;
- Contacts with colleagues and mentors;
- Opportunities to share and discuss accomplishments and goals;
- An invitation to connect and network; and
- An environment of validation, support, learning, and community.

**Item #4. Number and Frequency of Award**

One recipient will be designated every year. If a suitable candidate is not found, the application deadline could be extended, or the jury could opt not to give an award that year and a new award jury would be assembled the following year.

**Item #5. Award Administration and Jury**

A YA Symposium Travel Stipend Jury will be appointed by the President-Elect according to ALA/YALSA policy to select the winner from membership applications. An award jury appointed by the President-Elect and comprised of five to seven virtual members, from various sectors and diverse affiliations, will evaluate each candidate based on the candidate's commitment to young adult library services, desired learning outcomes, financial and professional development needs and strength of supporting statement. The term of appointment will be May 1 through August 1.

**Item #6. Deadline for Nomination of Candidates**

Applications will be due June 1 each year. A form on the YALSA website will allow members to make a statement of their commitment to young adult library services, desired learning outcomes for attending the conference, and financial and professional development needs. Applicants will also be required to submit a statement from a supervisor familiar with their work that comments on the applicant's qualifications and how attendance at YA Symposium will benefit them professionally and/or personally. YALSA will use its communication channels to aggressively promote the award.

**Item #7. Selection of Award**

Criteria for eligibility:

- Candidate's commitment to young adult library services, as outlined in YALSA's report The Future of Library Services for and with Teens: A Call to Action
- Candidate's desired learning outcomes for attending the conference
- Candidate's financial and professional development needs
- Strength of supporting statement

Requirements for Applicants:

- YALSA personal membership, regardless of the type of library worked in
- At least 8 years of experience and currently working with or for teens through libraries
- Has not attended the ALA Annual conference or the YALSA Symposium in the past five or more years
- Incomplete submissions will not be considered
- Winners must agree to share out with the YALSA membership what they learned at the symposium through a blog post, YALSA Academy Video or other approved means.

**Item #8. Presentation of the Award**

The Award winner will be announced via press release. The recipient will be recognized through YALSA's communication channels, which include YALSA's blogs, website,

Twitter feed, email discussion lists and more. The winner will also be recognized at YALSA’s Annual Membership Meeting.

**Item #9. Form and/or Type of Award**

The award will include up to a \$1,000 stipend, \$500 to be paid at the outset and the remainder of the stipend according to receipts submitted after the Symposium. The stipend is to be used only for conference expenses (registration fees, travel, housing, meal per diem). In order to receive the full award, applicants must provide original receipts to the YALSA Office.

**Item #10. Funding**

Initial funding will come from the Morris Endowment which in FY19 will provide YALSA \$33,463 in interest. ALA Finance guarantees the available interest as the 5% average from the last 20 quarters, which in FY18 is \$33,463. This is the minimum amount that will be guaranteed to be available each year. The Morris Endowment also provides funds for travel stipends for first-time attendees and a library student to attend the YA Symposium.

<b>Mid-Career Travel Stipend</b>	<b>FY2019</b>	<b>FY2020</b>	<b>FY2021</b>	<b>FY2022</b>
Cash award for honoree	1000	1000	1000	1000
Administrative costs/PR/staff time	300	300	300	300
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>1300</b>	<b>1300</b>	<b>1300</b>	<b>1300</b>

**Item #11. Catalog description of Award**

YALSA’s YA Symposium Mid-Career Travel Stipend will enable one qualified recipient to attend YALSA's annual YA Services Symposium.

One stipend up to \$1,000 will be awarded to a library worker who works with or for young adults, who has at least 8 years of experience, and who has not had the opportunity to attend an ALA Annual conference or YALSA Symposium for five or more years.

**Item #12. Evaluation of the Award Program**

At the end of the first two years, the award will be evaluated by a task force composed of YALSA members. The evaluation is to include: discussion of any changes needed in policies and procedures, determination of continuation of the award, the frequency of the award, the number of awards given in per year, the status of marketing and promotion for the award, the process for identifying successful candidates and funding source.