



YA Advocacy Travel Stipend

About the Stipend:

YALSA's YA Advocacy Travel Stipend will enable five qualified recipients to receive up to \$1,000 to attend ALA's 2011 National Library Legislative Day, which will be held in Washington, DC, April 23-24, 2012. To learn more about the event, visit www.ala.org/ala/aboutala/offices/wo/index.cfm. Applications must be received in the YALSA office by December 1, 2011 via email to yalsa@ala.org.

Eligibility Requirements for Applicants:

- YALSA personal membership
- No previous attendance at or participation in an ALA Library Legislative Day

Application Guidelines:

1. Submit your application electronically on the official application form.
2. All applicants must be current, personal members of YALSA at the time of application.
3. All documents must be named the last name of the applicant, underscore, name of document. For example: gilbert_application.doc.
4. MS Word documents or PDFs will be accepted.
5. Applications must be submitted as an attachment to YALSA at yalsa@ala.org.
6. Applications are due no later than Dec. 1, 2011.
7. Incomplete submissions will not be considered.

Criteria for Selection:

- Candidate's commitment to young adult library services
- Candidate's desired learning outcomes for attending the event
- Candidate's financial and professional development needs
- How the applicant intends to use the experience at his/her home institution

Submission of Application: Please email applications to yalsa@ala.org with the subject line: Advocacy Travel Stipend Application. All documents should be named the last name of the applicant, underscore, name of document. For example: gilbert_application.doc.

Announcement of Winners: On or before Feb. 1, 2012.

Questions: Questions can be directed to Nichole Gilbert at ngilbert@ala.org or 1.800.545.2433 x4387

YALSA YA Advocacy Travel Stipend Application

Full Name:

Preferred Mailing Address:

Preferred Telephone Number:

Preferred Email Address:

ALA Membership #:

1. Does your employer provide any type of advance or reimbursement for travel expenses, such as registration, hotel and/or airfare?

Yes _____ No _____ Not currently employed _____

2. If you were to receive the stipend, have you been assured by your employer that you can attend ALA's National Library Legislative Day on April 23-24, 2012?

Yes _____ No _____ Not currently employed _____

3. In 250 words or less, please describe what you hope to get out of attending the National Library Legislative Day:

4. What will your participation in the event allow you to bring back to the community with which you work? In 250 words or less, please describe your plans for sharing what you learned with colleagues and/or community members:

5. Statement of Understanding

I understand that the up to \$1,000 awarded is only for travel expenses (such as airfare, housing, meal per diem) and in order to receive my full award, I must provide original receipts to the YALSA Office. If selected, I agree to implement an advocacy training session at my library or organization. I further understand that if I win the stipend and for some reason cannot attend the event that I must notify the YALSA Office by April 1, 2012 and will forfeit the award. I am also aware that if I win this stipend I am not eligible to apply in future years.

Signed _____ Date _____
(Type Name)

Please return to yalsa@ala.org by no later than 12/1/11