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Subject: Student Bridge Scholarship Program

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**Review Responsibility:** Awards Committee

**Policy Statement:**

The AASL Student Bridge Scholarship Program provides funding to offset the increases in ALA dues over the first three years of a member's "bridge" from student to full member.

**Focus:** Members

**Purpose:** To outline the process for submission and selection of AASL Student Bridge Scholarship recipients.

**Procedure:**

1. The following criteria must be met in order to apply:
  - a) Must be a current ALA/AASL student member whose membership will expire after September 1 of the current year and before August 31 of the next year.
  - b) Scholarship recipients will be paired with a mentor and assigned to an AASL committee for each year of the scholarship.
  - c) Program participants will be selected based on financial need and ability to contribute to the association. While applicants are not required to demonstrate financial need in order to apply, a lack of information will decrease the overall rubric score.
  - d) Scholarship recipients will be asked to maintain their membership for three years following the scholarship.
2. The Student Bridge Scholarship committee will:
  - a. Judge submissions utilizing a standardized scoring rubric
  - b. Determine eligibility on a rolling basis and within 4 weeks of receiving the application
3. The chair of the committee, in coordination with the board and staff liaison, will announce the recipients in the form of an Information Report at the ALA Annual Meeting.
4. The recipient will be sent a congratulatory letter from the AASL President.
5. All candidates that were not successful in receiving a scholarship will be sent a notification letter from the AASL President.
6. AASL Headquarters will prepare the scholarship, which includes:
  - Coordination with ALA Membership and Customer Service department to transfer funds
  - Coordination with President-elect for committee ex-officio assignment
  - Collection of annual report by recipients
  - Tracking of membership renewal during three years of scholarship and three years following the scholarship