

Sara Jaffarian School Library Program Award for Exemplary Humanities Programming 2024

American Library Association

I. Instructions

The **Sara Jaffarian School Library Program Award for Exemplary Humanities Programming** is an annual award recognizing a school library that has conducted an exemplary program or program series in the humanities during the current school year.

The award is sponsored by the American Library Association's [Cultural Communities Fund](#) in cooperation with the [American Association of School Librarians](#) (AASL).

The intent of the award is to recognize humanities programs that expand student horizons beyond "basic education." A humanities program can be focused in many subject areas, including but not limited to social studies, poetry, drama, art, music, language arts, foreign language and culture. Programs should focus on broadening perspectives and helping students understand the wider world and their place in it. The humanities program should be initiated and coordinated by the school librarian and exemplify the role of library programming in advancing the overall education goals for the school.

Prior to beginning your library's application, please read the complete [Project Guidelines](#).

Opportunity Title*

To begin, please answer the question below "Opportunity Title" by typing the following in the response text box: Jaffarian24

Character Limit: 11

Project Name*

Please provide a descriptive name for your proposed project.

Character Limit: 250

II. Project Director Information

Note: All fields are required unless noted otherwise.

Project Director First Name*

Character Limit: 25

Project Director Last Name*

Character Limit: 25

Project Director Pronouns

Character Limit: 250

Project Director E-mail*

Character Limit: 254

Project Director Phone Number*

(10 digits, xxx-xxx-xxxx)

Character Limit: 15

Extension

Character Limit: 5

Project Director Title*

Character Limit: 250

School Library Name*

Character Limit: 250

Official School Name*

Character Limit: 250

Address 1*

Character Limit: 250

Address 2

Character Limit: 250

City*

Character Limit: 250

State/Territory*

Choices

- AK
- AL
- AR
- AS
- AZ
- CA
- CO
- CT

DC
DE
FL
GA
GU
HI
IA
ID
IL
IN
KS
KY
LA
MA
MD
ME
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MP
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NJ
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NV
NY
OH
OK
OR
PA
PR
RI
SC
SD
TN
TX
UT
VA
VI
VT
WA
WI
WV
WY

Zip Code*

9 digits, xxxxx-xxxx. If you need to find your 4-digit sort code, you can look it up at the website of the [US Postal Service](#).

Character Limit: 10

How did you learn about this opportunity?

Check all that apply.

Choices

ALA Annual Conference

Received an Email

Programming Librarian

ALA Connect

Word of Mouth

Other (please specify below)

If you selected "Other" please specify below.

Character Limit: 250

III. School and Program Information

Institution Type***Choices**

Public School

Private School

Other

Eligibility Verification*

I verify that the applicant library is a U.S. school library that serves children in any combination of grades K-12 and is staffed by a state-certified librarian.

Choices

I verify

School Enrollment***Choices**

<100

100-249

250-499

500-749

750-999

>1,000

Website (optional)

Character Limit: 250

Grades Served*

Character Limit: 250

Please provide beginning and end dates for your program.

Begin Date*

Character Limit: 10

End Date*

Character Limit: 10

IV. Narrative

Before you compose the narrative part of this application, we strongly recommend that you read the [grant guidelines](#) carefully. If you do not, your application is unlikely to be competitive as the narrative questions are informed by the guidelines.

Description of the Humanities Program or Program Series*

Describe the program or program series, and how the school library and librarian were involved. If the program is ongoing, use the information on programming and activities from the current school year (2023-2024) only.

- a. Include the title of the program or program series
- b. Explain the humanities theme or topic emphasized in the program
- c. Explain why you chose this program
- d. Describe in detail the program or program series
- e. Describe the planning process and collaborative relationships involved

Character Limit: 5000

Impact of Program or Program Series in the Humanities*

Describe the involvement of others in the program. Letters of support (to be uploaded below) should emphasize the humanities program and the impact the program had on students and the school community, not the library program or the librarian.

- a. Identify the number of student participants
- b. Describe how the program features higher-order thinking skills through student involvement
- c. Describe the benefits that ensued, including how you measured success

- d. Describe the involvement and awareness of parents, administrators, and community leaders
- e. Explain why you feel the program is exemplary or goes beyond normal school library media programming activities

Character Limit: 5000

Relationship of the Program to the Curriculum*

Provide evidence of a curriculum component.

- a. Describe the relationship of the program or program series to the school's curricular goals and to the state's learning standards
- b. State how the AASL's National School Library Standards for Learners, School Librarians, and School Libraries were incorporated into the program
- c. Provide evidence of a curriculum component for classroom treatment of the humanities theme or topic emphasized in the program
- d. Explain how the program goes beyond the school's standard curriculum requirements and programs

Character Limit: 5000

Replicability*

Describe how this program might be replicated.

- a. Provide examples of how this program or program series might serve as a model or springboard for humanities programming in other schools
- b. Identify key components of the program that were essential to the program's success
- c. Identify any key components that might need to be modified for use in other settings.

Character Limit: 5000

Reflection and Unexpected Benefits*

- a. What would you change about the program?
- b. What were some unexpected benefits or reactions to the program?
- c. How did this program take the library to the next level in terms of school and community collaboration, programming, and student impact?

Character Limit: 5000

V. Upload Supporting Materials

Please upload supporting materials for your application in the applicable areas.

Letters of Support*

Two letters of support are required, including one from a district administrator and one from a community organization. Additional letters of support are optional. Limit of four letters of support.

File Size Limit: 5 MB

Letter of Support 2*

File Size Limit: 5 MB

Letter of Support 3

File Size Limit: 5 MB

Letter of Support 4

File Size Limit: 5 MB

Additional Materials (optional)

Provide up to five artifacts of the program. Artifacts must be from programs hosted in the 2023 – 2024 school year. Artifacts may include, but are not limited to:

- Photographs
- PowerPoint slides
- Posters
- Newsletter articles
- Program flyers
- Examples of student-produced work

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Provide Video URLs (Optional)

Provide links to online videos (on YouTube, Vimeo, etc.) about your program.

Character Limit: 1000

VI. Certify Authorization

An application for the Sara Jaffarian Award is an application for an award from ALA. ALA is required to ask applicants to identify a certifying official who is authorized to submit applications on behalf of the institution.

Certifying Official First Name*

Character Limit: 250

Certifying Official Last Name*

Character Limit: 250

Certification Date (today's date)*

Character Limit: 10

Certifying Official Title*

Character Limit: 250

Certifying Official Institution*

Character Limit: 250

Certifying Official Email Address*

Character Limit: 254

Certification*

By checking this box and submitting this application, the authorized representative for the applicant organization certifies that all statements contained herein are true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief; and that the applicant organization (including, when pertinent, each additional library branch on whose behalf it is applying) is neither presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, nor voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any federal department or agency.

You can check the status of your institution with regard to debarment at the website of the System for Award Management.

Choices

Certification

VII. Review and Submit

Please review your application to ensure a complete submission. Once you have completed your review, click "Submit" in the bottom right corner of your screen. You cannot make changes to your application once it has been submitted.

Late applications, incomplete applications, and applications from reviewers whose institutions are applying for the corresponding grant opportunity will not be reviewed.

Ensure you receive messages regarding your application! Emails regarding your application status will come from administrator@grantinterface.com. Please save this email address as a contact to prevent notification emails from being marked as spam.