

**Topic: Proposed Article Award
Item #25**

**YALSA Board of Directors Meeting
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Background: In order to raise the profile of *YALS*, provide for more student member involvement and help further the association's research goals, the editor of *YALS* is proposing the establishment of an article award.

Action Required: Discussion

I. Proposed Name of Award: *Young Adult Library Services Student Writing Award*

II. Definition and Purpose

The *Young Adult Library Services Student Writing Award* is given to honor the best article on the topic of research written by a student enrolled in a library and information science graduate program. The winning article is selected on the basis of originality, timeliness, relevance to YALSA areas of interest and concern, and quality of writing. The article must address research regarding young adult library services or research regarding young adults that can be applied usefully to young adult library services. The award recipient's article will be published in a future issue of *YALS* and receive a stipend of up to \$1,000 to attend the ALA Annual Conference, or the Young Adult Literature Symposium. The recipient will be honored at the ALA Annual Conference at the YALSA Membership Meeting.

III. Rationale

This award will:

- Strengthen YALSA's strategic goal of becoming the chief clearinghouse for library-relevant research regarding library services to teens
- Provide YALSA's sizable student membership with a way of participating in the association
- Raise the profile of *YALS* as a journal which publishes research

IV. Number & Frequency of the Award

One award will be given per year. If no suitable articles are received, no award will be made.

V. Administration

An award jury will include the Editor of *Young Adult Library Services*, one member of the YALSA Editorial Advisory Board, one member of the YALSA Publications Committee, one member of the YALSA Student Interest Group and one member of the YALSA Research Committee.

VI. Screening of Nominations

1. Eligibility

At the time the paper is submitted, the applicant must:

- a. Be currently enrolled in an ALA accredited program of library and information studies at the masters or Ph.D. level.
 - b. Be a current student member of ALA and YALSA.
 - c. Submit an original unpublished manuscript according to the guidelines and criteria outlined below.
- ### 2. Criteria for Selection
- Selection is based upon the quality and appropriateness of the submitted manuscripts. Manuscripts will be selected based on the following criteria: applicability to a variety of library settings, originality of ideas, persuasiveness of arguments, quality of writing, clarity of presentation, and contribution to the research goals of the YALSA membership. Length must be between 4,000 to 6,000 words.
- ### 3. Guidelines for Submission

- a. Submissions must include a completed application form signed by the Dean or Director of the ALA accredited program of library and information studies in which the applicant is enrolled.
 - b. Only original, unpublished articles may be entered in the contest. Do not submit manuscripts being considered for publication elsewhere. Manuscripts should be of timely and practical interest on multiple and diverse generations and may be applicable to a variety of library settings, including public and school libraries.
 - c. The author is responsible for the accuracy of all statements in the article. Bibliographic citations must be complete and accurate. All quotations must be verified. The manuscript should be written according to the rules of the *Chicago Manual of Style*, 15th edition.
 - d. Submit manuscripts only as an electronic file. All copies should include name, address, and phone number(s) of authors. Submissions should be double-spaced in 12-point font, and all quoted text should also be typed double-spaced. On a separate page, include the title and subtitle, followed by a brief abstract. The electronic file should be in .txt or .doc format and sent as an e-mail attachment to yalsa@ala.org.
 - e. For further information, see "Instructions to Authors" in each issue of *Young Adult Library Services*, or read the guidelines at www.ala.org/ala/yalsa/yalsapubs/yals/authorguidelines.htm.
- ### 4. Submission and Deadline
- Submissions should be sent to yalsa@ala.org by December 1st of each year. Please

contact Communications Specialist Stephanie Kuenn at skuenn@ala.org or 1.800.545.2433 x2128 with any questions.

VII. Presentation of Award

YALSA will notify the successful applicant by February 1 each year. The recipient will be recognized at the YALSA Membership Meeting.

VIII. Form of Award

The recipient will receive a certificate and a \$1,000 check to defray the cost of attending the ALA Annual Conference or the Young Adult Literature Symposium.

1. The recipient must attend the ALA Annual Conference or the Young Adult Literature Symposium. Failure to complete the travel will necessitate withdrawal of the award unless an extension is granted by YALSA for extenuating circumstances.
2. Within a month after the conclusion of the Annual Conference and/or Young Adult Literature Symposium, the award recipient must submit an expense report and original receipts must be included with the report. Eligible expenses are conference registration fees, lodging at an ALA conference hotel, meals (not to exceed the ALA per diem rate), transportation to and from the conference city, and ground transportation. Expenses shall be funded to a maximum of \$1,000.

IX. Funding, expenses, revenues

The ideal scenario is that a sponsor could be found to cover the cost of this award. It is also possible that funds could come from Friends of YALSA or out of the annual YALS budget.

YALS Student Writing Award	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012
Cash award for honoree	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000
Creation of certificate for honoree	50	50	50	50	50
Administrative costs/PR/staff time	400	400	400	400	400
TOTAL EXPENSES	1450	1450	1450	1450	1450

X. Catalog description of award

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ALA Annual Conference at the YALSA Membership Meeting. The deadline to apply each year is December 1st.

XI. Evaluation of award program

At the end of the first two years, the YALSA Board of Directors will establish a member group to evaluate the award. Reevaluation is to include: discussion of any changes needed in policies and procedures, determination of continuation of the award, the frequency of the award, the status of marketing and promotion for the award, the process for identifying successful candidates, the possibility of expanding the award (to either more recipients and/or more writing categories) and sponsor involvement.