

**YALSA Board of Directors Meeting
ALA Midwinter Conference, Seattle
January 25-29, 2019**

Topic: Update of the YALSA Online Volunteer Form

Background: After reviewing the current volunteer form it was discovered that it was in need of updating. The information being collected by the current form was not being forwarded to the YALSA President and staff in a usable form, nor could members select or unselect a previous year choice. Franklin Escobedo has submitted this document for the boards consideration.

Action Required: Action

Overview

The current YALSA volunteer form is missing several new committees, as well as not being flexible enough for members to update each year. The current form remembers what YALSA Members have signed for in the past, but this information hasn't always been moved forward to the YALSA President who is making appointments.

The update to the form will help to alleviate some of these issues, by allowing volunteers to highlight committees they are interested in again.

The inclusion of demographic information will also help the YALSA President make appointments based on YASA EDI plan.

Current YALSA Form:

Please select which committees you would like to volunteer for:

- 1. 2019 Symposium Planning and Marketing Taskforce**
- 2. AASL/ALSC/YALSA School/Public Lib Coop. (Interdivisional)**
- 3. Alex Awards**
- 4. ALSC/Booklist/YALSA Odyssey Award**
- 5. Amazing Audiobooks Blogging Team**
- 6. Annual Conference Marketing & Local Arrangements Taskforce**

7. Best Fiction for Young Adults Blogging Team
8. Best Literacies Program Award Jury
9. Board Development Committee
10. Book Awards Oversight Committee
11. Collection Development Grant Jury
12. Conference Travel Scholarships Jury
13. Graphic Novels Blogging Team
14. Great Books Giveaway Award Jury
15. Henne Research Award Jury
16. Innovation Award Jury
17. Margaret A. Edwards 2020 Award
18. Michael L. Printz 2020 Award
19. Midwinter Marketing & Local Arrangements Taskforce
20. Morris Award 2020
21. Non-Fiction 2020 Award
22. Quick Picks for Reluctant Young Readers Blogging Team
23. Teen Summit Planning & Local Support Taskforce
24. Volunteer of the Year Award Jury
25. Writing Award Jury
26. YALSA National Library Legislative Day Taskforce

Number of Years You Have Been a YALSA Member

Professional Experience (List previous positions and locations, most recent first)

Special Skills (e.g. accounting, PR/marketing, fiscal planning, research, refereeing, editing, etc.)

Selection Committee Qualifications (e.g., relevant coursework, materials evaluation experience, book reviews, articles and research published, previous selection committee experience, etc.)

Current Professional Commitments in ALA/YALSA (please indicate volunteer activities, elected positions, committee work, etc.)

Current Professional Commitments at State/Regional Level or Other Associations (please indicate volunteer activities, elected positions, committee work, etc.)

Have you communicated with the current committee chair or committee members of the group you are interested in joining to find out what their responsibilities are? Y/N

Selection Committees Only:

Have you ever attended a YALSA selection committee meeting? Y/N

If appointed, can you attend each Midwinter Meeting and Annual Conference held during your 18-month appointment, as is required of all selection committee members? Please note that the president may appoint a replacement for a committee chairperson or member who has missed two consecutive meetings (Midwinter and Annual) of the committee, pursuant to the ALA Policy Manual. This policy does not apply to virtual members. Y/N

At this time, do you have your supervisor’s support to serve on a YALSA selection committee? Y/N Not Applicable

Updated Form:

Please select and rank the top 5 committees you would like to volunteer for, click on the links to find out more information about the committee, jury or taskforce:

Award Committees:

1. [Alex Awards](#)- Conference Attendance Required (1 year)
2. [ALSC/Booklist/YALSA Odyssey Award](#) - Conference Attendance Required (1 year)
3. [Margaret A. Edwards](#) 2020 Award - Virtual (Chair may want to present award to winner) (1 year)
4. [Michael L. Printz](#) 2020 Award - Conference Attendance Required (1 year)
5. [Morris Award](#) 2020 - Conference Attendance Required (1 year)
6. [Nonfiction](#) 2020 Award- Conference Attendance Required (1 year)

Blogging/Selection Committees:

7. [Amazing Audiobooks](#) Blogging Team - Virtual (1 year)
8. [Best Fiction for Young Adults](#) Blogging Team - Virtual (1 year)
9. [Graphic Novels](#) Blogging Team - Virtual (1 year)
10. [Outstanding Books For College Bound](#) (Joint YALSA/ACRL) (1 year)
11. [Quick Picks for Reluctant Young Readers](#) Blogging Team - Virtual (1 year)

Governance Committees:

12. [AASL/ALSC/YALSA School/Public Lib Coop.](#) (Interdivisional) - Virtual (1 year)
13. [Board Development Committee](#) - Virtual (10 months?)
14. [Book Awards Oversight Committee](#) - Virtual (not sure how long this is... 1 year?)

15. [Division and Membership](#) – Virtual
16. [District Days](#) – Virtual
17. [The Hub Advisory Board](#) – Virtual
18. [Financial Advisement Committee](#) - Virtual
19. [Organization & Bylaws](#) – Virtual
20. [Research Committee](#) - Virtual
21. [Research Journal Advisory Board](#) – Virtual
22. [Teens' Top Ten](#) – Virtual
23. [YALSA/YALSA Blog Advisory Board](#) – Virtual

Juries:

24. [Best Literacies Program Award Jury](#) - Virtual (3 months)
25. [Collection Development Grant Jury](#) - Virtual (3 months)
26. [Conference Travel Scholarships Jury](#) - Virtual (3 months)
27. [Great Books Giveaway Award Jury](#) - Virtual (3 months)
28. [Henne Research Award Jury](#) - Virtual (3 months)
29. [Innovation Award Jury](#) - Virtual (3 months)
30. [Midwinter Paper Presentation Jury](#) – Virtual (3 months?)
31. [Volunteer of the Year Award Jury](#) - Virtual (3 months)
32. [Writing Award Jury](#) - Virtual (3 months)

Taskforces:

33. 2019 Symposium Planning and Marketing Taskforce - Virtual (7 months)
34. 2019 Symposium Local Arrangements Taskforce – Virtual (? Months)
35. Annual Conference Marketing & Local Arrangements Taskforce - Conference Attendance Required (6 months)
36. District Days Taskforce – Virtual (? Months)
37. Midwinter Marketing & Local Arrangements Taskforce - Conference Attendance Required (6 months)
38. Presidential Initiatives Implementation Taskforce – Virtual (? Months)
39. Summer Learning Taskforce – Virtual (? Months)
40. Teen Summit Planning & Local Support Taskforce - Virtual (not sure how long this one is)
41. YALSA National Library Legislative Day Taskforce - Virtual (6 months)

How many Years You Have Been a YALSA Member?

Please let us know how many years you have volunteered concurrently without receiving an appointment. (While we will take this into consideration, please note that for some committees,

especially the award and media evaluation committees, the number of volunteers greatly exceeds the number of appointments)

None (this is my first-time volunteering, or I received an appointment last time I volunteered)

1 (Last time I volunteered I did not receive an appointment)

2 or more (I have volunteered for 2 or more years concurrently without receiving an appointment)

I am interested in serving as a committee chair

Yes No

I am interested in serving as a virtual member on a committee

Yes No

If appointed to a committee, will you attend the ALA Midwinter Meetings and Annual Conferences?

Yes No

Are you a current or past Emerging Leader?

Yes No

Are you a current or past Spectrum Scholar?

Yes No

Are you fluent in Spanish?

No Read Write Read & Write

Please describe any other language fluency you would like to share:

Please describe your Professional Background and/or Volunteer Experience that would make you the best fit for a committee or jury:

Please list any special skills that could be useful in your committee work (e.g. accounting, PR/marketing, fiscal planning, research, refereeing, editing, etc.):

Please list any Current Professional Commitments in ALA/YALSA (please indicate volunteer activities, elected positions, committee work, etc.)

Please list any Current Professional Commitments at State/Regional Level or Other Associations (please indicate volunteer activities, elected positions, committee work, etc.)

Tell us about any current or recent committee work or offices held within these organizations:

Awards Committees Only:

If you have volunteered for a selection/awards committee, please indicate relevant experience or qualifications (e.g., relevant coursework, materials evaluation experience, book reviews, articles and research published, previous selection committee experience, etc., other ALA Award Committees)

Demographics:

In our efforts to address equity, diversity, and inclusion across ALA, we are asking members to provide some additional information when they volunteer for committees.

I'm a member of (check all that apply):

- **ABOS (Association of Bookmobile and Outreach Services)**
- **AILA (American Indian Library Association)**
- **AJL (Association of Jewish Libraries)**
- **APALA (Asian/Pacific American Librarians Association)**
- **ARSL (Association of Rural and Small Libraries)**
- **CLA (Catholic Library Association)**
- **BCALA (Black Caucus of ALA)**
- **CALA (Chinese American Librarians Association)**
- **REFORMA (National Association to Promote Library & Information Services to Latinos and the Spanish-Speaking)**
- **GLBTRT (Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgender Round Table)**
- **SRRT (Social Responsibilities Round Table)**
- **EMIERT (Ethnic and Multicultural Exchange Round Table)**

My state/province/local library association, which is: (character limit)

If you work in a library, is it:

School Public Academic Special I don't work in a library

I live/work in an area that is:

Rural Suburban Urban

Are you in graduate school: Yes No

What is your age?

18-24 25-34 35-44 45-54 55-64 65-74 75+

With which racial or ethnic groups do you identify? (character limit)

How do you identify your gender? (character limit)

How do you identify your sexuality? (character limit)

Do you identify as a person with a disability have a condition protected by the ADA or identify as a person with a disability?

Do you have at least one parent who has completed a 4-year college/university degree?

Yes No Not sure

ALA Membership Level

Regular **First Year** **Second Year** **Student** **Earning >\$30,000/in transition/non-**
salaried **Library Support Staff** **Retired** **Continuing Member** **Life** **Friend**
Trustee **Associate** **International**

The following text will be removed from the volunteer form and added into Letitia's selection letter.

If appointed, can you attend each Midwinter Meeting and Annual Conference held during your 18-month appointment, as is required of all Award committee members? Please note that the president may appoint a replacement for a committee chairperson or member who has missed two consecutive meetings (Midwinter and Annual) of the committee, pursuant to the ALA Policy Manual. This policy does not apply to virtual members. Y/N

At this time, do you have your supervisor's support to serve on a YALSA Award committee?
Y/N Not Applicable

The addition of the hyperlinks to the volunteer form will assist members in learning more about the committees, juries, and taskforce for which they will be applying.

Financial Considerations

- Cost of staff time in updating the current form.

Recommended Board Action

The Board directs the YALSA Executive Director to work with YALSA Staff and ALA Staff to update the YALSA volunteer form with proposed language.

Existing YALSA Resources

YALSA Committees, Juries, Advisory Boards:

<http://www.ala.org/yalsa/workingwithyalsa/yalsacommittee>

ALA Personal Membership:

<http://www.ala.org/membership/ala-personal-membership#ALA>

Get Involved with YALSA:

<http://www.ala.org/yalsa/getinvolved/getinvolved>

Get Involved and Participate in YALSA:

<http://www.ala.org/yalsa/getinvolved/participate>