



ANN GIBSON



Ann Gibson Scholarship Award
from the Youth Services Section of the
New York Library Association

This scholarship is given annually to honor the memory of Ann Gibson, a dynamic and dedicated librarian, storyteller, and teacher, in recognition of her many contributions to the field of youth service librarianship. Ann's career in Western New York was spent in public libraries and several colleges and universities. As a founding member of the Genesee Storytellers, Gibson provided in-service training in children's literature for librarians and teachers. She was a guiding force in the University of Rochester's annual storytelling conference. Ann was also an active volunteer for local charities involving children with special needs. The Ann Gibson scholarship is a memorial to Ann's passionate abilities to share her love of children's literature and the art of storytelling with thousands of children and adults.

Purpose: To provide financial assistance to a person who has chosen to pursue graduate studies that will lead to New York State certification as a youth specialist in a public library or school media center.

Deadline: May 31, 2021

Notification: by September 1, 2021

Amount: \$1,000

Qualifications:

1. Applicant must be a full-time or part-time graduate library student seeking to further their education in services to young people and have completed a minimum of 12 credit hours towards the MLS.
2. Applicant must be a regular or student member of NYLA/YSS at the time of submitting the application.
3. Applicant must be directing their course of study towards youth services.
4. Applicant must NOT be an officer or employee, or relative of an officer or employee, of the New York Library Association, New York Library Association Council, or the Executive Board of the Youth Services Section of the New York Library Association.

5. Applicant must not have completed their course work prior to December of the year of the award.
6. Applicant must be a resident of (or employed in) New York State at the time of the award.

Criteria to Judge Recipient:

1. Two supporting statements that document the applicant's competence and commitment to youth services librarianship.
2. Involvement (i.e., membership, attendance) in organizations, conferences, and publications related to youth services librarianship.
3. A transcript from an accredited library school that documents the applicant's good academic standing and completion of **a minimum of 12 credit hours**.
4. The winning applicant must be willing to share their educational experience in some form following the YSS Spring Conference.

Narrative Statement:

Please present a brief statement that cites relevant experience you have had in youth services and your philosophy and/or future goals in terms of youth services librarianship.

For further information, please contact the Scholarship Committee chair.

Send the completed application form, two supporting statements, transcript(s), narrative statement, and verification of your current NYLA membership to:

Jennifer Caccavale
YSS Scholarship Committee Chair
Seymour Library / Director
161 East Avenue Brockport, New York 14420
Jennifer.Caccavale@libraryweb.org

**ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED OR POSTMARKED
NO LATER THAN MAY 31, 2021**

Ann Gibson Scholarship Award Application

Please type/print clearly:

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City, State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone (Home): _____ (Work): _____

Name and address of present employer, if applicable:

Education:

Degree

Date Received

Institution

In which ALA – accredited graduate school are you currently enrolled?

Please list course titles and credits completed and those in which you are currently enrolled (**a minimum of 12 credit hours MUST be completed by the end of May of the current year**). Attach additional sheets if necessary.

Course Title	Credit Hours Completed	Credit Hours in Progress

Please list membership in professional and other organizations, honor societies, scholarships and/or other honors you have been awarded, attendance at youth services conferences and workshops. Please list dates where applicable. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

Please list related community, civic, and volunteer experience. Please list dates.

Where did you learn about this scholarship? _____

Are you either a U.S. citizen or an alien who has/will have the legal right to work as a professional librarian in New York State after obtaining your MLS degree? _____

I have read the instructions with this application and certify that the above statements are correct and complete. I understand that the Scholarship Committee will maintain this information as confidential.

Signature _____

Date _____

Supporting Statement for the Ann Gibson Scholarship Award

_____ is applying to the Youth Services Section of the New York Library Association for a student scholarship. The purpose of the scholarship is to provide the funds for further education for individuals planning a career in youth services librarianship. Please comment regarding this individual's competency in and/or commitment to youth services librarianship.

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How long, and by what connection, have you known the applicant? _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Title _____

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Phone _____

(Please return this statement to the student who will attach it to the award application.)

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