

**Colorado State Library
Joint MPLA/CALCON 2016 Small/Rural Library
Scholarship Information**

Thank you for your interest in applying for the **Colorado State Library Small/Rural MPLA/CALCON16 Scholarship**. Our goal is to develop leaders within the Colorado library community by helping staff who might not otherwise be able to attend the annual conference, participate in CALCON 2016 by offering two full conference registrations to staff from small/rural libraries.

Anyone who is a CAL member and works in the library field at a small or rural library (details below) is eligible to apply. Because we are looking to develop leaders throughout the library community, there are no requirements for minimum or maximum work experience.

If selected, awardees must attend all three days of the conference (October 20, 21 & 22, 2016), and agree to write at least one blog post for the Library Creation and Learning Center.

Eligible applicants must be:

- Currently employed in a Colorado library with a service population of 15,000 or less **OR** that is situated more than 1 hour from nearest town of 100,000, **OR** that has less than 5 staff and a budget of less than 500,000.
- A current member of CAL.
- **Not yet registered for the conference** (unfortunately, we are not able to reimburse registration fees already paid). This scholarship was created to help those who would not otherwise be able to attend CAL.
- Willing to network and share information gathered at the conference with colleagues and peers via a Colorado Libraries blog post.
- Able to cover costs of the conference beyond the scholarship registration fee. **(The scholarship covers the full CAL Conference registration only. Mileage, hotel, and meals outside what is included in the CAL registration are not included.)**

For your application, please address the following in a letter of interest (no more than 2 typed pages):

- Why you are interested in attending CAL? What do you hope to gain?
- Why you need this scholarship to attend.
- How you plan to share what you have learned with colleagues.
- Any other details you believe would provide a compelling reason for the Scholarship Committee to award you the scholarship.

As part of your application, please include the following:

- Signed application form
- Letter of interest
- Letter of support from your supervisor

Applications are due by 5 PM on Wednesday August 31, 2016. Recipients will be notified by Monday, September 12, 2016.

Please send all application materials via e-mail or fax to:

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