

# Librarians for Diverse Communities



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## Helpful tips for a strong application

The scholarship application form introduces you to the judges. You need to make that introduction as crisp and business-like as possible.

### **Application**

Make sure to complete each section of the application as thoroughly as possible. The Selection Committee uses information from the entire application package to make their decision. Please make sure you answer the questions being asked.

### **Letters of Support**

Ask for your Letters of Support EARLY. Late Letters will not be accepted and incomplete applications will not be reviewed. Make sure you and the writer follow the directions about mailing and only using initials in your letter.

### **Essay**

This is your opportunity to shine. In your essay you can showcase your accomplishments, values and plans for the future. Make sure that it flows logically, with an introduction, middle and conclusion. Check it thoroughly for spelling and grammatical errors. Check your essay against the question being asked and make sure you have addressed all aspects of the question. Have a friend in your profession read it and give their feedback. Remember this essay is worth more than 50% of your point total.

Do not assume that because you have received a scholarship previously, you will automatically receive another award. You must present a high quality package every time you apply for a scholarship

Do not add documents that have not been requested.

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