

Joan T. Wholihan Memorial Scholarship Guidelines

The Joan T. Wholihan Memorial Scholarship, established in 2008, may be awarded annually by the Henderson Libraries Foundation. This award honors the memory of Joan T. Wholihan, a Henderson Libraries librarian from 1995-2001.

The scholarship is designed to encourage the entry of qualified persons into the library field that demonstrate potential in and have a strong commitment to public services in libraries and an interest in youth services. This scholarship is awarded for study in an ALA Accredited Master of Library Science (MLS) or Master of Library and Information Sciences (MLIS) program.

Relatives of members of the selection committee, the Foundation officers and members and financial contributors are not eligible for award of this scholarship.

The following criteria will be used in awarding the scholarship:

- Candidates must reside in Clark County, Nevada and be able to prove residency.
- Candidates must be accepted to an ALA Accredited Master of Library Science (MLS) or Master of Library and Information Sciences (MLIS) program and must include a copy of the acceptance letter in the application packet.
- Candidates will provide a two page essay that discusses the nature of their library experience, education background, career goals and their specific interests within the field of library science.
- Candidates will provide three (3) letters of reference – one (1) each from work, education and a personal source.
- Candidates currently employed by Henderson Libraries are given preference in those years that a Henderson Libraries employee submits an application.
- All scholarship awards must be written in the form of a check to the school on record and for which the recipient is actively enrolled.

The Joan T. Wholihan Memorial Scholarship committee consists of two (2) Henderson Libraries Foundation Board members, one (1) Henderson Libraries administrator, and Mr. John T. Wholihan. The committee will review all applications received by June 1st of each year and announce the winner by June 30 of each year the award is granted.

Disclaimer: *This scholarship will be awarded in years in which funding is available. The amount set for each year will be determined prior to applications being released. The amount of the award may vary from year to year. For the 2015 scholarship, up to \$1,500 will be awarded to one or more applicants.*