The **Washington State Library (WSL)** will fund 2 scholarships to the Association of Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL) 2018 Conference in Springfield, Illinois. Preference will be given to applicants who have not won this scholarship before. The value of the scholarship is approximately $2,000. The scholarship will fund a year’s membership in ARSL, travel, lodging, and conference registration. ARSL Conference dates are September 13-15, 2018. More information about the conference is located at [ARSL 2018 Conference Information](https://arsl.info/2018-conference-sessions/).

**Eligibility Requirements**

* Applicants must be from a public or tribal library or library branch serving a population
of 10,000 or less in Washington State.
* Scholarship awardees must commit to a doing follow-up project.

**Apply!**

**1.** Please mail this application with original signatures to the address below.
**ALL** applications must be ***postmarked by June 15, 2018.*** We cannot accept faxed or emailed applications. Please keep a copy for your records.

ARSL Scholarship Grants

Washington State Library

PO Box 42460

Olympia, WA 98504-2460

**2.** Send a digital copy of your application in Word or RTF to WSLgrants@sos.wa.gov by June 15, 2018.

Each scholarship winner will be required to do the following:

1. Attend a WSL scholarship get-together during the conference. We will share conference experiences and insights, and discuss ideas that can be implemented in our respective libraries.
2. Scholarship winners should identify a project to accomplish in their own library (inspired by the conference), and carry out that project within six months’ time.
3. Each scholarship winner commits to share their project results/outcomes with Washington’s library community. Options include a visual report that WSL can share, a conference presentation, a journal article (e.g., *ALKI* article), or presenting a [First Tuesday](http://www.sos.wa.gov/library/libraries/firsttuesdays/) online seminar.
4. Each scholarship winner must also write a 1-2 page project report.

The scholarship winner’s library may request reimbursement for miscellaneous expenses not directly paid by WSL such as parking, taxis, shuttles, etc. Please refer to the ARSL 2018 Scholarship Grant Claim Instructions sent with the award letter for complete information on allowable expenses and acceptable documentation.

You can find more information about the ARSL Grant application at <https://www.sos.wa.gov/library/libraries/grants/arsl-scholarships.aspx>or by contacting Carolyn Petersen (carolyn.petersen@sos.wa.gov). WSL’s scholarship grants comes from the State Library's federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) award.

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| **Part 1: Organization information** (This section must be completed by ***the library authority.***)Library/District/System name Click to enter text Branch Click to enter textMailing address Click to enter textStatewide Vendor number Click to enter textDUNS number Click to enter textTax ID number Click to enter text**Contracting authority**Name Click to enter text Title Click to enter textEmail Click to enter textTelephone Click to enter text**Please indicate your understanding and conformance with the following:** |
| [ ]   | Individuals covered by this grant are employed or utilized by your library for 10 or more hours per week throughout the entire grant period (from application to claim payment). |
| [ ]  | You understand that any funds obtained with this application may not be used in place of local funds. |
| [ ]   | The library will give scholarship winners time off to attend the ARSL 2018 Conference. |
| [ ]  | Your public or tribal library serves a population of fewer than 10,000. |
| [ ]   | You have reviewed Part 2 (below) and agree with the applicant’s goals.  |

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| **Part 2: Attendee information** (This section must be completed by ***the potential scholarship grant recipient.***)

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How will your participation in the ARSL 2018 conference address one or more of the LSTA priorities listed here? This may include examples of the conference programs you plan to attend and their potential impact on service to your customers. We are also looking for willingness to share knowledge you gain with fellow library/district staffers.Please type. Limit your answer to one full page or less.**Attendance at this PD event will support our ability to:**1.Expand services for learning and access to information: Click here to enter text.2. Develop library services that provide all users: Click here to enter text.3. Advance the delivery of library and information services: Click here to enter text.4. Provide electronic and other linkages: Click here to enter text.5. Develop public and private partnerships: Click here to enter text.6. Target library services to diverse communities: Click here to enter text.7. Target library and information services to the underserved: Click here to enter text. |

**Potential scholarship grant recipient**

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