**Washington State Library (WSL)** plans to fund two scholarships to the Association of Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL) 2016 Conference in Fargo, North Dakota. 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 October 27-29, 2016. More information about the conference is located at [ARSL 2016 Conference Information](http://arsl.info/2016-conference/).

**Apply!**

**1.** Please mail this application with original signatures to the address below.
**ALL** applications must be ***postmarked by July 1, 2016***. 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 to WSLgrants@sos.wa.gov by July 1, 2016.

Each scholarship winner will be required to do the following:

* Attend a scholarship get-together during the conference.
* Identify a project to do in the scholarship winner’s library, inspired by the conference.
* Describe this project during a webinar or conference call one month after the conference.
* Six months later participate in a webinar to describe the results of the project.
* Share results with Washington’s library community through a visual presentation.
* A 1-2 page report will be required after the six-month webinar.

The scholarship winner’s library may request reimbursement for miscellaneous expenses not directly paid by WSL such as parking, taxis, shuttles, etc. These will be reimbursed following [Washington State per diem allowances](http://www.des.wa.gov/services/Travel/Travel/Pages/PerDiem.aspx). Please refer to the ARSL 2016 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 on our ARSL Scholarships page or by contacting Shirley Lewis (shirley.lewis@sos.wa.gov). Funding for 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**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 2016 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 2016 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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