



**Scholarship Application to attend the  
Association of Rural & Small Libraries  
Conference, October 26-29, 2016  
in Fargo, North Dakota**

Applicants must be a permanent employee in a Vermont public library and must not have attended an ARSL conference in the past 5 years. The \$1400 scholarship may be used by the attendee to pay for: ARSL membership, conference registration, air transportation, hotel, airport parking, ground transportation/mileage, and meals.

*\*Scholarships of \$1300 will be awarded to recipients unable to register for a pre-conference on October 26.*

Expenses that exceed the scholarship amount must be paid by the attendee or the attendee's library. Any unused scholarship funds will be used to purchase books for the recipient's library.

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**Deadline for receipt of applications: June 15, 2016.**

Scholarship awards will be announced by June 20, 2016.

Conference information is available at: <http://arsl.info/2016-conference/>

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Job Title \_\_\_\_\_

Library/Town \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Scholarship funds made possible by the Library Services & Technology Act:**

**LS-00-16-0046-16**

*Check all that apply (continued on back of this form):*

<input type="checkbox"/>	I agree to join ARSL and register for the conference at the member rate.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I agree to submit a written report about my experience attending the ARSL conference to VTLIB by December 16, 2016.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I am willing to speak about my conference experience within one year of the conference at a VTLIB workshop or webinar.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I understand that any costs beyond \$1400* are my responsibility. *\$1300 for those who are not able to register for a preconference.

	I have not attended an ARSL conference in the past 5 years.
	I will submit receipts for all expenditures of scholarship funds.
	I agree that any unspent scholarship funds will be used to purchase books for my library's circulating collection.
	I have an MLS degree, or have earned my Vermont Librarian Certification.
	I am actively working towards earning my Vermont Librarian Certification.

**Please attach a brief essay (500 words maximum) describing:**

(1) why you want to attend the 2016 ARSL conference and, (2) how attending the conference will improve your work and library service to your community. Your application can be strengthened by referencing specific conference programs/speakers.

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Applicant Signature

Date

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Library Director Signature (if different from applicant)

Date

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Chair, Library Board of Trustees (or designee) Signature

Date

**Applications must be received at VTLIB by June 15, 2015.**

**Please submit application materials to:**

Vermont Department of Libraries  
 ATTN: Jennifer Johnson  
 109 State Street  
 Montpelier, VT 05609-0601

or scan and email application materials to: Jennifer Johnson at: [jennifer.johnson@vermont.gov](mailto:jennifer.johnson@vermont.gov)



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