

SLA New England is pleased to announce the James M. Matarazzo Student Stipend Award in the amount of \$1,500, available to a current MLIS student in the New England area to attend the 2021 virtual SLA Annual Conference (August 4-13) and the 2022 in-person SLA Annual Conference (to be held in Charlotte, North Carolina, July 29–August 2, with a virtual component).

The Special Libraries Association (SLA) is a nonprofit global organization for innovative information professionals and their strategic partners, including corporate, academic, and government information specialists. SLA promotes and strengthens its members through learning, advocacy, and networking initiatives.

Why attend the SLA Annual Conference?

- Networking opportunities – share your experiences and learn from other information professionals.
- Many events, including educational programs, networking events, receptions, and tours.
- The latest technologies from leading industry partners in the INFO-EXPO Hall.

James M. Matarazzo Student Stipend Award Criteria

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Be currently enrolled as a degree candidate at an ALA-accredited academic program in Library and Information Science.
- Be a member of SLA – award may go to covering student membership fee if not already a current member.
- Be a first time attendee of an SLA conference.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

Submit a document containing the following information/elements:

- Full name
- Academic affiliation: Institution and Program
- Start date of program; number of semesters and courses completed as of December 2020; and anticipated date of graduation
- Contact information, including mailing address, telephone, and email
- Other SLA division awards, if any, for which you are applying
- An essay of no more than 1 page (see details below), double-spaced
- Current resume

ESSAY DESCRIPTION:

Write a 1-page, double-spaced essay on why you should attend the annual conferences and how the conferences will benefit your career aspirations.

Submissions will be judged based on originality and clarity as well as inclusion of all required information. Spelling, grammar, and completion of all required information will count in judging.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION SUBMISSION:

Friday, April 30, 2021.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION:

Completed applications should be emailed as a single file attachment in Microsoft Word or PDF to Kelli Costello, SLA New England Student Relations Committee Chair, at the following email address: kelliacostello@gmail.com.

Please contact Kelli with questions about the application process.

Post Award:

Awardee will be required to write a short post about her/his conference experiences for the [SLA New England Website](#).

Awardee is encouraged to serve a one-year term as a member of the Student Relations Committee of the SLA New England Chapter (may be accomplished virtually, if the recipient is no longer a New England resident following graduation).

Notification and Award Distribution:

Applicants will receive notification of award status by early June.

The recipient of the award will receive 2021 virtual SLA conference registration and a stipend which may be applied to SLA membership costs and the 2022 SLA conference registration fee, transportation, and lodging costs. Any costs above and beyond the \$1500 stipend amount will be the personal responsibility of the recipient.