

2010
Gardner Hanks Scholarship Application Form
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Idaho Library Association

The Idaho Library Association created the Gardner Hanks Scholarship Fund in 2002 to provide financial support to Idaho Library Association members beginning or continuing formal library education, pursuing a Masters of Library Science degree or Media Generalist certification. The scholarship fund was established in memory of Gardner Hanks, who served as Continuing Education Consultant for the Idaho State Library from 1989 until his death on February 1, 2002. In accepting the Librarian of the Year Award in October 2001, Gard said,

“I believe that the library is society’s most vibrant, democratic and life-affirming institution. It does not attempt to impose its opinions on anyone, but seeks to help people make up their own minds. At its best, it is open to everyone, but it forces itself on no one. Because it neither affirms nor rejects any opinion, it gives a voice to the unpopular, the unheard and the brokenhearted, sometimes at great cost to itself.

Libraries should never be an afterthought. To have a great community, a great school, or a great college or university, you begin by creating a great library. And to have a great library, you must begin by having great librarians. It is both a wonderful privilege and a tremendous responsibility to be a librarian.”

With the establishment of the Gardner Hanks Scholarship, the Idaho Library Association hopes to honor Gard’s memory and his contribution to the Idaho library community while keeping his vision alive and flourishing in the communities of the state that he loved.

Application Instructions

Please complete this application as thoroughly as possible and return it, along with the signed agreement and other attachments, to the ILA Scholarship and Awards Committee at the address listed below. The Committee must receive the application **no later than May 1, 2010**. The scholarship will be awarded at the annual ILA conference in October.

All applicants must be current members of the Idaho Library Association. If you are not currently an ILA member, please attach a completed ILA membership application form for 2010 and include a check for your 2010 dues.

Please include a detailed statement regarding the need for financial assistance.

Please ask one or more references to submit a brief recommendation directly to the Committee.

Deadline

A completed application form and all attachments must be received **by May 1, 2010**.

Sherrilynn Bair

attn: ILA Scholarship / Awards Committee

924 W. Highway 39

Blackfoot, ID 83221

208-684-3063

snakeriverlibrary@gmail.com

email submissions preferred but not required.

Please print in ink or type. Use additional sheets of paper if necessary.

Name _____ Date _____

Mailing address _____ Phone number _____

(home)

Mailing address _____ Phone number _____

(work)

e-mail address _____

Current employment : Full-time _____ Part-time _____ Annual Gross Salary _____

Cost of course work _____

[The Gardner Hanks Scholarship Fund provides for a single \$500 scholarship per year.]

1. Education -- Please list schools/colleges/universities attended and degree(s) earned, including date(s) that degree(s) were awarded.

2. Work experience -- Please list positions held in the past 5 years, including dates of employment, and names and contact information for immediate supervisor(s) for those positions.

3. Community/professional activities -- Please list civic/community and professional activities in which you have been involved in the past 5 years.

4. Course work -- Please give a description of the institution at which you are enrolled (or will enroll) and the courses for which you are requesting financial assistance. Include the dates of enrollment, costs, and the degree that you hope to earn.

5. Benefits -- How will attending this event benefit you, your employer, and the Idaho library community in general?

6. References -- Please provide the names, positions, mailing addresses & phone numbers of your references.

Signature of applicant _____

AGREEMENT

I have read, and hereby accept, the application conditions that require me to be a member in good standing of the Idaho Library Association.

I agree that scholarship monies must be used to pay for beginning or continuing formal library education, pursuing a Masters of Library Science degree or Media Generalist certification.

I agree, if I receive the scholarship, to submit to the ILA Scholarships, Recruitment & Awards Committee a written follow-up report of the event(s) for which I am requesting financial assistance.

I understand that the Idaho Library Association's Scholarships, Recruitment & Awards Committee selects all recipients, that the deliberations of the Committee are confidential, and that all applications are confidential and are kept on file with the Idaho Library Association. I agree to accept the decision of the Committee as final.

I certify that the information on this application form is complete and true to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of applicant Printed name of applicant

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