



Friends of Libraries Section

The mission of the Friends of Libraries Section is to promote and inspire local Friends groups in libraries of all types for the betterment of New York State's library community.

Application for the FLS Dewey Fellowship Award

What it is: The FLS Dewey Fellowship Award pays for up to \$1,000 of the cost of attendance at the current year's NYLA Annual Conference. Costs eligible for reimbursement include: registration, a pre-conference continuing education seminar, attendance at the NYLA Awards Banquet, lodging, meals, and travel. Additionally, each Dewey Fellow is acknowledged on NYLA's website, at the awards banquet, and in Association's electronic journal, "The Voice." The award is underwritten by the Lake Placid Foundation and is awarded by FLS in even-numbered years.

Section-level nomination process: One nominee is chosen. The Section nominee is ultimately reviewed by the NYLA Awards Committee and approved by NYLA Council.

Who is eligible: The FLS Dewey Fellow is chosen based on the following **criteria:**

1. Three or more years of volunteer experience as a member of a Friends of the Library organization (e.g., an officer or committee chair of a Friends group; a former board member of NYLA's Friends of Libraries Section*)
2. Record of accomplishments as a Friends member
3. Involvement in activities to advance the library community (e.g., activism on the local or state level, service on FLS Executive Board, service on an FLS committee)
4. Personal member of FLS/NYLA or a member of a Friends group that is a current organizational member of FLS/NYLA

*Current elected Board members of FLS, the FLS Scholarship Coordinator, the Readers for the award, and student members of NYLA are ineligible to apply for the Dewey Fellowship.

Individuals may only receive one FLS Enos Conference Scholarship or FLS Dewey Fellowship in their lifetime.

Name _____

Home address _____

Telephone numbers: Home _____ Cell _____

E-mail address _____

Library System in which you reside _____

Are you a current **personal** member of FLS/NYLA? Yes No Expiration: _____

Name and address of the Friends of Libraries group of which you are a member

Is the group a current **organizational** member of FLS/NYLA? Yes No
If yes, date membership expires: _____

Number of years personal experience as a Friends member (this group or others) _____

Accomplishments as a Friends member:

Other library volunteer experience:

Other professional, educational, or community associations of which you are a member:

Contribution to the library community (locally or statewide):

Have you ever received a scholarship or grant from FLS or NYLA?

If yes, name of scholarship or grant and date: _____

Have you previously attended a NYLA Annual Conference?

If yes, where and date: _____

Briefly relate your personal goals and reasons that you wish to attend the 2020 NYLA Annual Conference in Saratoga Springs. (Please attach a single sheet of paper outlining your goals.)

Signature _____ Date _____

Supporting statement: Please ask two sponsors to comment on your qualifications and how attendance at the NYLA Annual Conference would benefit you. Limit: a one page statement. The supporting statements can be from anyone who knows your qualifications for this award, e.g. the president of the Friends group of which you are a member, the library director, or a staff member.

Please remember to **enclose with this application form:**

1. Your statement of your goals and reasons to attend the NYLA Annual Conference
2. **Two** supporting statements by your sponsors as described above

Deadline: All completed forms must be submitted to the Coordinator of the FLS Scholarship Awards **by 5 p.m. on Monday, June 1, 2020.**

To submit an application please complete the form and email it, along with all accompanying documentation, to Anne Andrianos, FLS Scholarship Coordinator, at anne.andrianos@gmail.com. As an alternate option, you may submit three copies of the completed form along with three sets of any supporting materials by mail to Anne Andrianos, 4340 Young Road, Syracuse, NY 13215. Please submit your nomination in one format only (electronic or paper).