



Friends of Libraries Section

FLS creates a network to connect and inspire Friends groups in all types of libraries to support the New York library community.

FLS Randall Enos Conference Scholarship

The FLS Randall Enos Conference Scholarship will provide financial assistance for two members of the Friends of Libraries Section, who are also members of a Friends of the Library group at any type of library in NYS, to attend the NYLA Annual Conference. One scholarship will be for an individual attending for the first time and a second for anyone wishing to go regardless of how many conferences previously attended. These scholarships will be offered in odd-numbered years.

The scholarship is named in honor of FLS President Emeritus Randall Enos, a founding member of the Empire Friends Roundtable (EFR) established in 1992 and the precursor to FLS. Randy served as EFR President no less than six terms and has been a continuous member of both EFR and FLS. His dedication to the library community and support of Friends of the Library groups across the state is exceptional. He was the Youth Consultant at the Ramapo Catskill Library System in Middletown, NY from 1980 through his retirement in 2019 and he was recognized with the NYLA Outstanding Service to Libraries Award in 2000.

What will the scholarship cover?

The FLS Randall Enos Conference Scholarship will reimburse costs associated with attending a NYLA Annual Conference including conference registration, travel, and lodging up to a maximum amount of \$750 for each recipient. This scholarship will be awarded in odd-numbered years, alternating with the FLS Dewey Fellowship offered in even-numbered years. In addition, the recipients will be entitled to attend a pre-conference continuing education workshop sponsored by the Friends of Libraries Section at no charge.

Who is eligible?

The FLS Randall Enos Conference Scholarship recipients are chosen based on the following criteria:

- A community volunteer (or staff member) who is **currently and actively** involved in a local Friends of the Library group; one who has **not** previously attended a NYLA Annual Conference and one who may, or may not, have attended previously.
- The applicants must be members in good standing of NYLA and FLS.
 - Membership types include: personal members (Friend, Student, Retiree, Trustee, or Organizational Associate); individuals registered with NYLA through a Friends Group organizational membership including the primary contact for the group (voting member of NYLA) and the elected officers of that Friends group (non-voting members of NYLA).
- Individuals holding FLS Board-appointed positions are eligible to apply, with the exception of the FLS Scholarship Coordinator and Scholarship Readers.

Restrictions:

- Members of the FLS Executive Board who hold elected positions are not eligible for this scholarship.
- Student members of NYLA are not eligible to apply for this award.
- Individuals may only receive one FLS Scholarship or FLS Dewey Fellowship Award in their lifetime.

How do I apply?

- Complete the scholarship application form and include the requested documentation and letter(s) of recommendation as outlined below.
- A letter (not to exceed two pages) that includes the following:
 - Why do you wish to attend the NYLA Annual Conference?
 - How do you plan to integrate your conference experience into your work with your Friends group?
- A statement from your local Friends of the Library organization to verify your membership in your local Friends group
- At least one letter of recommendation from an officer or committee chair in your Friends of the Library group or the library director

Additional details:

- The FLS Randall Enos Conference Scholarship recipients will be notified during the summer so that they may register for the NYLA Annual Conference in a timely manner. The recipients will be reimbursed for conference registration, travel, and lodging expenses not to exceed \$750.
- FLS will provide clear instructions to the recipients regarding the process for reimbursement of acceptable conference expenses. Mileage will be reimbursed at the current NYLA approved rate.
- The recipients will be expected to attend the FLS Annual Membership Meeting during the conference.
- The recipients should attend as many FLS-sponsored programs as possible.
- The recipients are asked to submit an article to the FLS newsletter, post-conference, reflecting on their conference experience and highlighting their "take-aways."
- Recipients may be asked to evaluate the scholarship application process and procedures.

What's the deadline to submit the application packet?

Application packets must be submitted to the FLS Scholarship Coordinator by 06/1/2021 before 5:00 p.m.

To submit an application please complete the form and email it, along with any 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).

Questions?

Please direct questions to Anne Andrianos at 315-382-4768 or anne.andrianos@gmail.com

FLS Randall Enos Conference Scholarship Application



Name _____

Home address _____

Telephone numbers: Home _____

Cell _____

E-mail address _____

Public Library System in which you reside _____

FLS/NYLA Membership

_____ Personal member of NYLA (member type if known) _____

Membership expiration date _____

_____ Contact Person for a Friends Group Organizational Member of FLS/NYLA

_____ Registered Elected Officer in a Friends Group Organizational Member of FLS/NYLA

Name of Friends Group _____

Membership expiration date _____

Friends of the Library group(s) of which you are currently a member _____

Mailing Address of the Friends Group _____

Mailing Address of the library if different than above _____

_____ I have **never** attended a NYLA Annual Conference.

_____ I have attended a NYLA Annual Conference; last attendance year/location _____

_____ I have not received the FLS Dewey Fellowship or the FLS Enos Conference Scholarship.

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Please remember to **enclose**:

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How do you plan to integrate your conference experience into your work with your Friends group?

_____ A statement from your local Friends of the Library organization to verify your membership in your local Friends group

_____ At least one letter of recommendation from an officer or committee chairperson in your Friends of the Library group, or the library director

_____ This completed and signed application

Your experience(s) with your Friends of the Library Group and the library community
(add pages as necessary):

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

Accomplishments as a Friends member:

Additional library volunteer experience (beyond the Friends Groups) if applicable:

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

Contributions to the library community (locally or statewide):

Signature _____ Date _____