Honors & Awards Overview

The Honors & Awards Committee (hereafter the “H&A Committee”) is responsible for calling for nominations or applications for the following awards:

- Honorary Membership
- Academic Librarian of the Year
- Martha C. Watkins Scholarship
- First Time Attendee Scholarship
- Jocelyn Rankin Memorial Scholarship
- Library & Information Science (LIS) Student Award
- T. Mark Hodges Award
- 2018 Hurricane Maria Victims Scholarship (offered once in fall 2018)

The H&A Committee evaluates submission criteria and selects winners for the following awards:

- Academic Librarian of the Year
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The H&A Committee evaluates submission criteria but does not vote on the following awards. Instead, nominees deemed eligible by the H&A Committee for these awards are forwarded to the Chapter Chair. The Executive Board and/or a jury committee then selects the winners at the MLA Mid-year Meeting.

- Honorary Membership
- T. Mark Hodges Award

Honors & Awards Chair Duties and Timeline At-a-Glance

(Note: This timeline is intended to be a rough guideline for the duties of the H&A Chair and proceedings of the H&A Committee. In any given year, some flexibility may be required depending upon annual meeting dates and other factors. The H&A Chair should work closely with the SCMLA Chair to ensure all duties and awards are handled in an appropriate and timely manner.)

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Formation of Committee
Formation of the Committee is facilitated by both the SCMLA Chapter Chair and the H&A Committee Chair. The Chapter Chair appoints the Chair of the H&A Committee from the H&A Committee. The H&A Chair serves as Chair for one year. The Chapter Chair then appoints 7 members to the H&A Committee – one from each state. Each member is asked to serve 3 years. Committee members must be active SC/MLA members at the time of their appointment and throughout their term.

Call for Nominations and Applications

The H&A Chair calls for nominations and applications for the awards any time after January 1st. Calls and reminders for nominations can go out as often as deemed necessary.

A reasonable frequency of call for nominations/applications with deadlines is once per month until the deadline is reached. A reminder of nominations/applications due may go out a week before the deadline.

A reasonable frequency of call for the Jocelyn Rankin Scholarship (which does not have a fixed deadline) is every two months.

Sample “Call for Nominations” email:

The Honors and Awards Committee is accepting nominations/application for the [insert name of award here].

Criteria for the award are:

- Criteria 1
- Criteria 2
- Criteria 3
- Etc.

The nomination/application must be accompanied by [insert supporting documentation here].

The completed application/nomination with supporting documentation may be sent to the Chair of the Honors & Awards Committee [insert appropriate Chair email address].

Deadline is [insert deadline here].

For more information go to the Honors & Awards page on the SCMLA website: https://southernchaptermla.wildapricot.org/awards

Voting

There is no set procedure or ranking sheet for voting on the nominees/applicants. A procedure that has worked well in the past is to send each member of the H&A Committee the application/nomination and supporting documentation for each award via email. Discussion and voting take place via email.

A majority consensus of voting members rules. If a consensus can’t be reached via email, a conference call
can be arranged.

The Chapter Chair is informed of the voting results. At least a month before the annual meeting, the Chapter Chair or H&A Chair contacts the honorees and invites them to the annual meeting to accept their awards.

**Plaques & Certificates**

The H&A Chair is responsible for having plaques and framed certificates made for all awards. Receipts for the plaques and frames are sent to the SCMLA bookkeeper. The bookkeeper will reimburse the cost of the plaques and frames.

Plaques may be ordered from the vendor of the H&A Chair’s choice. The Chair should find the best price possible for plaques (typically between $25-$60 each). Online stores like trophycentral.com offer competitive pricing, quick shipping, & a large assortment of styles.

Certificates should be printed on 60# weight, natural color, acid-free parchment (available at most office supply stores).

Frames for certificates may be standard black wooden diploma frames, or a frame of the H&A Chair’s choice.

If an honoree will not be present at the annual meeting, ask him/her to designate a colleague to accept the award, and to transport the award back to them after the meeting. If no acceptor is designated, the Chapter Chair will accept the award for the recipient, and either the Chapter Chair or H&A Chair will mail the plaque or certificate to the honoree. Receipts for postage or shipping of plaques and certificates will also be reimbursed by the SCMLA bookkeeper.

Plaques are made for:

- **Honorary Membership**
- **T. Mark Hodges Award**
- **Academic Librarian of the Year**

Sample wording for *Honorary Membership* plaques:

**Honorary Membership**

**2013**

**Presented to**

**T. Scott Plutchak**

In Recognition of Valuable Contributions to SC/MLA

By the Southern Chapter of the Medical Library Association

*October 19, 2013*
Sample wording for *Academic Librarian of the Year* plaque:

**Academic Librarian of the Year**  
**2013**  
*Presented to*  
**Ruth A. Riley**  
In Recognition of Significant Contributions to Medical Library and Information Services  
By the Southern Chapter of the Medical Library Association  
*October 19, 2013*

**Example of plaque [here](#).**

Framed certificates are made for:

- *Martha C. Watkins Scholarship*  
- *First-Time Attendee Scholarship*  
- *Jocelyn Rankin Memorial Scholarship*  
- *Library & Information Science (LIS) Student Award*

Sample wording for a framed certificate:

**Southern Chapter/Medical Library Association**  
*First Time Attendee Scholarship*  
*Presented to*  
**Jill Barr-Walker**  
*by the*  
*Southern Chapter of the Medical Library Association*  
*October 19, 2013*

**Example of award certificate [here](#).**

**Retirees and Decrees**
An e-mail should be sent to the SC/MLA membership requesting notification of any of our members who have retired or passed away during the year since the last annual meeting. Emails may be sent several times throughout the year to ensure as comprehensive notification as possible.

Suggested wording for the emails follows on the next page.

A list of retirees and passings should be sent to the Chapter Chair so that retirees may be recognized during the business meeting at the annual meeting. Only the names will be read during the business meeting due to the length of the business meeting. The Editor of the Southern Chapter newsletter may also request this information, along with interesting details such as the last employer and length of time as librarian.

Retiree email:

The SC/MLA Honors & Awards Committee would like to acknowledge the contributions to the organization and the profession of any SC/MLA member (including yourself!) who has retired during the period from November 2018 to November 2019.

Please send by [insert deadline here] as much of the following information as you can:

- The person’s name
- The position and organization from which s/he has retired
- How long that person has been a librarian

Thank you!

Decree email:

As a means of keeping up with and acknowledging milestones in the lives of our members, the SC/MLA Honors & Awards Committee would appreciate any information on the deaths of any Southern Chapter members in the past year. A list of names should be sent to the SC/MLA Chair so that a moment of silence can be offered for any SC/MLA member who has passed away during the past year during the business meeting at the annual meeting.

Thank you for your assistance.

Certificates of Service for H&A Committee Members

A Certificate of Service should be emailed, or printed and mailed, to each committee member of the Honors & Awards Committee. Suggested wording for the email:

Dear [Insert Committee Member name here],

Thanks again for your service to the SC/MLA Honors & Awards Committee and to Southern Chapter. Attached is your certificate of Service.

**Example of Certificate of Service [here](#).**
**Committee Reports**

Two committee reports are prepared during the year. The mid-year report is submitted to the SCMLA Executive Committee prior its meeting at MLA in May.

The second report is prepared in October for presentation at the SC/MLA annual meeting.

**Examples of a H&A Committee report [here](#).**

**MLA Estelle Brodman Award**

The [SCMLA Academic Librarian of the Year](#) will be nominated for the *MLA Estelle Brodman Award*. Brodman award criteria, nomination form, and nominating procedures can be found [here](#), as well as appended to the end of this manual.

The H&A Committee Chair is responsible for calling a motion within the H&A Committee to nominate the ALY winner for the Brodman Award. If the motion passes, the H&A Chair is responsible for submitting all required nomination and support materials to MLA HQ by November 1st.

**Other Activities**

The H&A Chair is responsible for checking membership status of all nominees/applicants to ensure they are eligible for SCMLA awards. S/he should contact the SCMLA Membership Database Manager with all membership inquiries. The email address of the Membership Database Manager can be found [here](#).

The H&A Committee Chair will send the following information to the Chapter Chair in preparation for the annual meeting: all awardees (accompanied by a short bio and accomplishments for each), retirees, and deceased members. Example of a short bio [here](#).

The H&A Chair keeps the list of honorees current on the SCMLA web site. Typically, this is done by communicating a list of honorees to the SCMLA Website Coordinator. The email address of the Website Coordinator can be found [here](#).

The H&A Chair should ensure that the newsletter submission requirement for the *LIS Student Award* and the *First-time Attendee Scholarship* are completed by reminding the winners (if necessary). The deadline for these submissions is December 15th.

The H&A Chair updates and revises this procedure manual at the end of the year, if needed.

**Chapter Honors & Awards.**

**Honorary Membership**
The following criteria will be used in the selection of those awarded the distinction of *Honorary Member*:

1. The Southern Chapter of the Medical Library Association shall present Honorary Membership to any member who, upon retirement from active service has made significant and consistent contributions to the Southern Chapter or to the profession, and who holds a current membership in the Chapter at the time of retirement. Honorary membership shall also be awarded to SC/MLA members who have been made MLA Fellows. In other words, the MLA Fellows have to be SC/MLA members when they were made MLA Fellows.

2. Significant contributions to the chapter may be defined as serving in elected or appointed offices, on chapter committees, or in developing chapter meetings. Significant contributions to the profession may be at the local, chapter, regional, or national level, and may include, but are not limited to, publications, presentations, mentoring, cooperative programs, or project development.

3. Nominations for Honorary Membership shall be submitted by any member of the Southern Chapter to the Honors & Awards Committee. Nominations shall be accompanied by a summary statement of the nominee's qualifications and a curriculum vita.

The Honors & Awards committee will review the nominations and submit their recommendations to the Executive Committee for discussion and approval at the Executive Committee's meeting held in conjunction with MLA.

**Deadline for nominations:** April 10th

Submit recommendations to the [Chair of the Honors and Awards Committee](#).

**Example award plaque** [here].

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**T. Mark Hodges Award**

The T. Mark Hodges Outstanding Service Award was created in 2006 to honor the memory of T. Mark Hodges and to recognize a chapter member whose service to the chapter and profession have been exceptional and of lasting importance.

**Selection Criteria:**

- Nominees must have been a member of the Southern Chapter and the Medical Library Association for at least 10 years.

- Nominees must be well known within the Southern Chapter membership for dedicated and continuing service to the chapter and must have served the chapter with distinction in several different capacities, such as
  - serving in elected or appointed office
  - serving as committee chairman or active committee member
  - representing the chapter on national or regional organizations
• actively participating in annual meetings by presenting papers or posters, chairing concurrent paper or poster sessions, organizing special sessions, or otherwise sharing his or her professional knowledge and values.

Nominating Process:
Nominations for the T. Mark Hodges Outstanding Service Award shall be submitted to the Chair of the Honors & Awards Committee.

Nominations shall be accompanied by a detailed description of the nominee’s qualifications, a curriculum vita, and two supporting letters from chapter members.

Nominations will be presented to the Executive Board at the MLA Annual Meeting. The Executive Board or a jury/special committee will approve the final selection.

In years in which the Executive Board does not consider any of the nominees to meet the service standards exemplified by T. Mark Hodges, no award shall be granted.

The T. Mark Hodges Outstanding Service Award recipient will be announced at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Chapter/MLA and presented with a plaque and a check for $250.

Deadline for nominations: April 10th

Submit recommendations to the Chair of the Honors and Awards Committee.

**Example award plaque here.**

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**Academic Librarian of the Year Award**

The SC/MLA Academic Librarian of the Year Award was established in 1998 and the first award was presented in 1999.

Criteria:
- The nominee must be a member of both SC/MLA and MLA.
- The nominee must be in “mid-career” at the time of the award, defined as someone working at least 5 and not more than 15 years in an academic health sciences library; the nominee may not be a library director.
- The nominee must have worked in an academic health sciences library for each of the last 5 years immediately preceding the nomination, and must be an academic health sciences librarian at the time of the award.
- The nomination may be made for outstanding regional, national or international contributions to academic health sciences librarianship as demonstrated by excellence in performance (leadership), publications, research, service, or a combination of these 4 elements.
- The nominee must show potential for leadership and continuing excellence at mid-career in the area of academic health sciences librarianship.

Nominations must include:
- Precise description of the nominee's achievements
• A current resume or curriculum vita
• Any additional information which may assist the committee in evaluation of the nomination and selection of the recipient (i.e. AHIP membership, etc)
• Up to three letters of support may be attached to the nomination (optional)

The winner of the award will be announced at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Chapter/MLA and presented with a plaque and a check for $250.

**Deadline for nominations:** June 1st

Submit recommendations to the Chair of the Honors and Awards Committee.

**Example award plaque** here.

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**First-time Attendee Scholarship**

The First Time Attendee Scholarship is awarded to defray expenses incurred for someone attending a SCMLA Annual Meeting for the first time. Scholarship is used to pay for registration, one (1) CE course, travel, accommodation, and meals.

**Criteria:** Applicant must:

• Be a current SC/MLA member in good standing (non-student)
• Answer the question: "What do you expect to gain professionally and/or personally by attending the SC/MLA annual meeting?"
• Attach a letter of support from an administrator demonstrating a genuine need for financial aid due to lack of institutional travel support or adequate salary support
• Register for and complete one (1) CE course
• Attend all sessions of the SC/MLA Annual Meeting, including the business meeting
• After the meeting, submit a brief (250-300 word) report about the meeting which will be published in *Southern Expressions* and the *Southern Salutations* blog
• Attach a final expense report to the above-mentioned report. Conference registration and CE registration for one course will be waived. The expense report should include receipts for travel, accommodation, and meals.

Scholarship will be limited to one person per year.

The Honors & Awards Committee will have the responsibility for deciding whether applicant meet the criteria and for awarding the scholarships.

**Procedures for Award**

The First-time Attendee Scholarship Award is up to $1000. The awardee should register for the meeting, selecting the option “pay by check”. Upon receipt of the registration confirmation, the awardee should forward a copy to the SC/MLA bookkeeper, who will send a check directly to the meeting account. The first $500 (which includes the cost of registration & CE) will be awarded at the meeting.
After the meeting, the awardee must submit a brief (250-300 word) report about the meeting, as well as an expense report requesting reimbursement for other meeting expenses. The balance of the award (up to $500) will be sent to the awardee in January.

SC/MLA will reimburse expenses such as meals and incidentals based on the US General Services Administration (GSA) per diem rate as found at www.gsa.gov. Receipts are not required for meals and incidental expenses. However, we will not reimburse for meals that are included as part of the meeting registration. If traveling by car, mileage reimbursement will be based on the GSA published rate.

**Deadline for applications:** June 1st.

Submit applications to the Chair of the Honors and Awards Committee.

**Example award certificate** here.

### Library and Information Science (LIS) Student Award

This $250 award is designed to encourage LIS students to attend the annual SC/MLA meeting by helping to offset registration and travel costs. Two awards will be granted per year.

**Criteria:**

- Applicants must be currently enrolled in an ALA-accredited library school within the region
- Applicants must be a current member of SC/MLA

**Application process:**

- A letter of recommendation (on institutional letterhead) from a LIS instructor or Health Sciences Librarian must accompany application
- A brief paragraph essay answering the question: “What do you expect to gain professionally and/or personally by attending the SC/MLA annual meeting?”

Applications may be found here and must be sent to the Chair of the Honors & Awards Committee by the annual deadline.

The Honors & Awards Committee will have the responsibility for deciding whether applicants meet the criteria based on the letter of recommendation received and the answer to the question “What do you expect to gain professionally and/or personally by attending the SC/MLA annual meeting?” $250 will be awarded to each recipient after the close of the SC/MLA Annual Meeting.

After the meeting, a brief (250-300 word) report about the meeting will be submitted by the successful applicant(s) and published in the SC/MLA’s newsletter, Southern Expressions and the Southern Salutations blog.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Chair of the Honors & Awards Committee.

**Deadline for applications:** September 1st

Submit applications to the Chair of the Honors and Awards Committee.
**Example award certificate [here](#).**

**Martha C. Watkins Memorial Scholarship**

The Martha C. Watkins Memorial Scholarship was established in 1996 to honor Martha Watkins, who was not only a founding member of the Southeastern Conference of Hospital Librarians (SCHL), but also a friend and mentor to a generation of hospital and other health sciences librarians in the South.

She spent many years educating hospital library managers, instructing student and staff users of library services, and providing information to rural and underserved healthcare personnel. The scholarship was begun with SCHL’s treasury after the organization disbanded in 1995. Application and procedures and qualifications for the scholarship are as follows:

**POLICY:** Applicants must be current Southern Chapter members, who work in a hospital library and who want to take ONE course or workshop at the Southern Chapter annual meeting. The amount awarded will not exceed $500.00, and can be used to defray any expenses necessary for the fulfillment of the course (tuition, travel, etc). All awardees must pay for their expenses up front and then submit a request for reimbursement after the meeting.

**GOALS:**

- To help Southern Chapter members gain skills and knowledge needed to improve their roles in providing optimum patient care.
- To support participation in professional opportunities which might not otherwise be available because of lack of funds.
- To enhance the role of hospital librarians in maintaining their cutting-edge managerial skills in the face of changing social forces which affect hospitals.
- To promote the sharing of knowledge gained with other hospital librarians in consortia or other cooperative relationships.

**APPLICATION:** To apply for this award, click [HERE](#).

**Deadline for applications:** June 1<sup>st</sup>

Submit applications to the Chair of the Honors and Awards Committee.

**Example award certificate [here](#).**

**Jocelyn Rankin Memorial Scholarship**

The Jocelyn Rankin Memorial Scholarship, established in 2012, honors Dr. Jocelyn Rankin, whose mantra “that every challenge is an opportunity,” will withstand the test of time as librarianship continues to evolve. Her commitment to research was nationally recognized across her storied career.
Southern Chapter was Jocelyn's professional home. She served as chair of the chapter and as chair of a number of its committees, including the Southern Chapter's Research Committee that she founded. This award assists Southern Chapter members in gaining needed skills and knowledge to perform, implement, and promote research projects within their institutions, communities, and across the field of medical librarianship.

**Policy:**

Applicants must be current, non-student Southern Chapter members who want to attend ONE research-related continuing education course or workshop. The amount awarded, not to exceed $500.00, can be used to defray expenses necessary for the fulfillment of the course (tuition, travel, etc.).

Preference will be given to courses sponsored by Southern Chapter or MLA, however the jury will consider courses sponsored by other organizations. All awardees must pay for their expenses up front and then submit a request for reimbursment after the meeting.

The Honors and Awards Committee and the Research Committee Chair will judge applications jointly. Only one award will be given per the Southern Chapter/MLA association year.

**Application:**
To apply for this award, click HERE. The deadline for application is 30 days prior to course or workshop the applicant wishes to attend.

**Guidelines:**
Upon completion of the course, the recipient must submit a written report to the Chair of the Honors and Awards Committee for submission to *Southern Expressions* and the *Southern Salutations* blog. Receipts for incurred expenses (up to $500.00) should be submitted to the Chapter Bookkeeper for reimbursement.

Submit applications to Chair of the Honors and Awards Committee.

**Example award certificate [here](#).**

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**Examples of Plaques and Certificates**

**Example:** Plaque (issued for *Honorary Memberships, Academic Librarian of the Year, and T. Mark Hodges Award*):
T. MARK HODGES
OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD
2018

Presented to

TREY LEMLEY

In Recognition of Exceptional
Service to SC/MLA

By the Southern Chapter of the
Medical Library Association
October 27, 2018
Example: Certificate (issued for First-time Attendee Scholarship, LIS Student Award, Martha C. Watkins Scholarship, 2018 Hurricane Maria Victims Scholarship, & the Jocelyn Rankin Memorial Scholarship):

SOUTHERN CHAPTER MEDICAL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Jocelyn Rankin Memorial Scholarship

Adrienne McCaul

is hereby awarded to

by the Southern Chapter of the Medical Library Association
on October 27, 2018

Becca Billings
Chair, Honors & Awards Committee
Example: Certificate of Service

Certificate of Appreciation

Hannah Rutledge

is hereby awarded to

With appreciation for serving as a member of the Southern Chapter/ACRL's

2017-2018 Honors & Awards Committee

Brenda Billings
Chair, Honors & Awards Committee

mbe A. Machado
Example: Mid-year and Annual Report update

SCMLA Honors & Awards Committee 2018 Annual Report

The following SCMLA members served the entire year as their state’s representatives on the Honors & Awards Committee in 2018:

- Becca Billings/Chair (AL) 2019
- Michael Garner/Incoming Chair (PR) 2019
- Pamela Herring (FL) 2018
- Dean James (MS) 2018
- Hannah Rutledge (GA) 2019
- Kelsey Grabeel (TN) 2019
- Victor Jenkinson (SC) 2019

The H&A Committee accomplished the following tasks this year:

- Three finalists for the *T. Mark Hodges Award* were reviewed by the H&A Committee and forwarded to the Chapter Chair and T. Mark Hodges jury of the Executive Committee. The Jury selected the winner, Trey Lemley.

- We received one application for the *Honorary Membership Award*; it was reviewed and approved by the H&A Committee, but the Executive Committee did not give final approval. Therefore, there were no awardees this year for Honorary Membership.

- The following Winners/Awardees/Recipients were voted and finalized by the H&A Committee:
  - *Academic Librarian of the Year*: Lin Wu
  - *First-time Attendee Scholarship*: Emily Harris
  - *LIS Student Award*: Kelsa Bartley
  - *2018 Hurricane Maria Victims Scholarship* (new award): David J. Saldaña
  - *Jocelyn Rankin Memorial Scholarship*: Adrienne McPhaul
  - *Martha C. Watkins Award*: Rebecca Harrington

- Plaques were made for the *Academic Librarian of the Year & T. Mark Hodges Award*.

- Framed certificates were made for *First-time Attendee, LIS Student Award, 2018 Hurricane Maria Victims Scholarship, Jocelyn Rankin Memorial Scholarship, & Martha C. Watkins Award*. Becca Billings will transport the plaques and framed certificates to the annual meeting in Orlando.

- The H&A Committee created the new *2018 Hurricane Maria Victims Scholarship* to help those directly impacted by Hurricane Maria attend the annual meeting. While two awards were available, only one recipient applied. This will be the only year the award will be offered.

- Michael Garner was asked to fill and has accepted the position of 2019 Honors & Awards Chair.

- The names of the 2018 Honors & Awards recipients will be updated on the SCMLA website after the Business Meeting on October 27th.
• Updates to the Honors & Awards manual are in progress and should be ready for submission to the Chapter Chair and Executive Committee on or before December 1st.

• Lin Wu, recipient for the Academic Librarian of the Year award, was evaluated and approved for the application submission for the Estelle Brodman Award at MLA. Becca Billings submitted her application to MLA on October 5, 2018. Final selections notifications will be sent early March 2019.

• A grading system in Excel has been created by the 2018 H&A committee members in an Excel document as a way to help judge applicants more fairly. An example will be updated in the manual for future committee members who would like to use it.

• Updates to the Jocelyn Rankin Memorial Scholarship & the Martha C. Watkins Award were made as sections regarding how many CEs could be applied for were vague, and several questions were asked regarding this during the call for nominations.

Retirements that will be noted at the Business Meeting on October 27th:
  • Margarita Gonzalez-Perez
  • Gwendolyn Jackson
  • Rae Jesano
  • Sylvia Kyle

Sadly, we were notified of the following current or retired members who have passed away this year:
  • Lois Bellamy
  • Kaye Robertson
  • Martha Jane Koontz Zachert

Respectfully submitted by:
Becca Billings, Chair, Honors & Awards Committee, 2018

Example: Bio for award recipient

Suresh Ponnappa (Honorary Membership): Suresh has been a member of SCMLA since 1999. He has served SCMLA as Chair of the Bylaws Committee, the Association of Biomedical Communications Directors as President, the Consortium of Biomedical Libraries in the South as Chair and Director, and the Tennessee Health Science Library Association as President and Vice-President. He has published numerous articles and been active in other organizations such as the ALA.
Estelle Brodman Award Criteria and Information (from MLA)

**Full application for the award can be downloaded here.**

ESTELLE BRODMAN AWARD FOR THE ACADEMIC MEDICAL LIBRARIAN OF THE YEAR

NOMINATION INFORMATION

The Estelle Brodman Award recognizes an academic medical librarian at mid-career who demonstrates significant achievement, the potential for leadership, and continuing excellence. The Brodman Award also recognizes Estelle Brodman’s exemplary career as educator, seminal thinker, able administrator, technological innovator, and skillful practitioner.

The award was established in 1986 and is sponsored by a bequest of Irwin H. Pizer. The recipient receives a certificate at the association’s annual meeting and a cash award of $500 after the annual meeting.

CRITERIA

- The nominee must be a member of MLA.
- The nominee must be in “mid-career” at the time of the award, defined as someone working at least 5 and not more than 15 years in an academic health sciences library; the nominee may not be a library director.
- The nominee must have worked in an academic health sciences library for each of the last five years immediately preceding the nomination, and must be an academic health sciences librarian at the time of the award.
- The nomination may be made for outstanding national or international contributions to academic health sciences librarianship as demonstrated by excellence in performance (leadership), publications, research, service, or a combination of these four elements.
- The nominee must show potential for leadership and continuing excellence at mid-career in the area of academic health sciences librarianship.

NOMINATIONS

- Nominations and any supporting documentation must be received at MLA headquarters no later than November 1.
- Nomination must contain at least the following elements:
  - A precise description of the nominee’s achievements;
  - A current curriculum vitae; and
  - Any further information which may assist the jury in the evaluation of the nomination and the selection of the recipient.

The recipient will be notified in March before the annual meeting at which the presentation will be made. The recipient assumes all costs of attending the meeting and the ceremony at which the presentation is made. If there are no appropriate candidates, the association may elect not to make the award in a given year.
For further information, contact: awards@mlahq.org, 312.419.9094 x14.