

## FLA Scholarships Frequently Asked Questions

**Q: Do I need to be an FLA member to apply for a scholarship?**

**A:** Yes, one of the eligibility requirements for the scholarships is that you must be a member of FLA. However, even membership at the student level is fine – you can learn more about the membership levels here: <https://www.flalib.org/member-benefits-rates#student>.

**Q: Can I apply for more than one scholarship?**

**A:** Yes, provided you are qualified. Applicants may apply for the graduate scholarship for their program AND the FLA Minority Scholarship if they so choose. Students applying for the Minority Scholarship must belong to one of the following racial or ethnic groups: Black/African American, Hispanic/Latino, Asian/Pacific Islander, Middle Eastern and North African, or American Indian/Alaska Native.

**Q: I am graduating this May, can I still apply for a scholarship?**

**A:** If you will be graduating in May of the current scholarship cycle, you are not eligible to apply for a scholarship. This is due to the fact that payment is made to the graduate school for the following semester, not the current semester.

**Q: If I applied for a scholarship but wasn't chosen as a recipient, can I reapply next year?**

**A:** We receive many competitive applications and it's very hard to pick just three winners every year. We strongly encourage all applicants who did not receive a scholarship to apply again during the next cycle.

**Q: I've submitted my application. When should I expect to hear if I have been awarded a scholarship?**

**A:** The scholarships subcommittee typically wraps up its work between late-March and mid-April. You will be contacted by an FLA representative regarding the outcome around this time.

**Q: The application asks for Proof of Enrollment in my program. Can I provide a copy of my unofficial transcript?**

**A:** Yes. A letter of acceptance to your program would also work!

**Q: Any tips for putting together a strong application?**

**A:** It's best to get started on your application early. Keep these other tips in mind as well:

- Ask for your recommendation letters early, and make sure your letter writers know what it is you're applying for and what we have asked them to touch on in their letter.
- Make sure your essays answer the provided writing prompts. Write a separate essay for each prompt.
- Double-check your application – and particularly your essays – for spelling and grammar.
- Have a friend or colleague read your essays for clarity.
- Make sure your application reflects your passion for libraries and library work; we're looking for individuals eager to contribute to the profession and their communities.

**Q: Should anything in particular be included in the resume I include in my application packet?**

**A:** Your resume should be easy to follow and well organized. Consider creating a version of your resume that includes only relevant library work instead of your entire employment history, and experiences and activities that relate to the information you are being asked about in the application itself.