

North Dakota State Library

Association for Rural and Small Libraries

Continuing Education Grant

The North Dakota State Library offers a CE grant award for the attendance of two public librarians to the annual meeting of the Association for Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL) conference. See: <http://arsl.info/> for details of the upcoming September 25-28, 2013 conference in Omaha, Nebraska. Each award shall be for an amount not to exceed \$2,000. The funds provided by the CE grant may be used to cover the costs of registration, travel, hotel and meals (per diem). Eligible costs shall be payable based on the travel cost policies of the State of North Dakota. Funding for the two awards is made possible through the use of Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funds received by the North Dakota State Library. The grant award amount shall be payable post conference and reimbursement shall be based on the provided copies of qualifying expenses. Selection for the award of the CE grant shall be made based on an essay that provides: 1) the reason for the application, and 2) the benefits of attendance for the attendee's public library with, 3) notation of particular programs to be offered, and 4) how the attendee would anticipate using the information learned at the conference.

Awarded applicants must meet the following minimum criteria:

- Must have never attended a prior ARSL Conference
- Must presently be working in a rural or small North Dakota public library
- Must work at a public library that has a service area population less than 25,000
- Must have a salaried position at the public library the applicant represents
- Must work at a public library that is open a minimum of 15 hours per week with a preference given to employees at a library providing at least 4 hours of weekend (Friday, 5 PM to Sunday, closing) service or a library providing 4 hours of evening public service hours (5 PM to closing)
- Must be willing, post conference, to write an Evaluation regarding the experience of attending the conference noting benefits to: 1) the individual's public library; and, 2) the benefit of attendance for the North Dakota library community (information to be shared). The Evaluation may be published in an issue of Flickertale (NDSL newsletter).
- Must be willing to serve as a resource person regarding future ARSL grant opportunities

For full consideration, applications for the CE award to attend the next meeting of ARSL must be received at the North Dakota State library by **July 19, 2013**. Announcement of granted awards shall be made no later than **August 1, 2013**.

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APPLICATION

Note: Without exception, applicants for the CE grant to attend the annual meeting of the Association for Rural and Small Libraries conference must comply with all criteria as set forth by the North Dakota State Library.

Name: Please Print _____

Job Title: *Please Print* _____

Library Name: *Please Print* _____

Library's Weekend Hours: _____ Library's Evening Hours: _____

E-mail: *Please Print* _____

Phone: *Please Print* _____

Please write a brief essay (200 to 500 words) on a separate sheet of paper describing your reason for applying for the scholarship and how you plan to use the information learned at the conference.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Completed applications are to be sent to: ARSL Grant, NDSL Administration, North Dakota State Library, 604 East Boulevard Avenue, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505.

Applications are due by July 19, 2013. ----- Awards shall be announced August 1, 2013.