



The Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship Trust Graduate Scholarship (Library and Information Science)

Approximate Value - \$1,000 (One award non renewable)

The Atlantic Provinces Library Association administers the Carin Alma E. Somers Scholarship Trust. The trust provides an annual scholarship in her name to assist a Canadian citizen who is an Atlantic Provinces resident needing financial assistance to undertake or complete the academic requirements leading to a master's degree in library science and information studies. The program must be accredited by the American Library Association. Applicants must be accepted or currently enrolled in an accredited program.

The terms of the scholarship **restrict eligibility to residents of Atlantic Canada**. Funds are awarded on a competitive basis and financial need is a consideration.

The award will normally be announced at the Ordinary General Meeting held at the annual Atlantic Provinces Library Association Conference.

Selection of the recipient will be recommended by a committee of the four Provincial Vice Presidents and the President-Elect to the Executive Committee.

Applications, including supporting documentation should be submitted by March 31, to the attention of:

VP, President Elect
Trecia Schell
President-elect@apla.ca

Carin Alma E. Somers 1934-1990

Carin Alma E. Somers was the Provincial Librarian for Nova Scotia from 1974 to 1987. Her working career as a librarian started in 1958 when she went to work at what was then the Halifax Memorial Library. She worked there both before and after going to library school at the University of Toronto. Carin became Chief Librarian of the Halifax County Regional Library in 1967 and oversaw the rapid growth of that region. In 1973, she was appointed Supervisor of Public Libraries (NS Provincial Library) and in 1974, Provincial Librarian.

Carin was always a tireless supporter of public service, libraries and both CLA and APLA. During her time as Provincial Librarian, 100% of the population of Nova Scotia became served by public libraries. She was president of APLA, a second vice president of CLA, a guest lecturer at the Dalhousie School of Library and Information Services and a frequent speaker at trustees meetings. In 1988, APLA honoured Carin with its Merit Award. Carin died in 1990. The terms the trust established by her family, are a demonstration of her interest in people and in the profession which she chose.

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APPLICATION FORM
THE CARIN ALMA E. SOMERS SCHOLARSHIP TRUST
GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP (Library and Information Science)

Name:

Address:

Province of birth (if not born in Canada, provide place):

If not born in Atlantic Canada, how many years have you been a resident (provide #years in Province)?

NB NF NS PE

Telephone number:

E-mail address:

Resources for the current academic year:	Amount
Your income after taxes	\$
Spouse's income (after taxes)	\$
Parental Contribution	\$
Government Student Loan	\$
Government Bursary associated with loan	\$
Scholarships	\$
Bursaries	\$
Other	\$
A. Total Resources	\$

Estimated expenses for the upcoming academic year (do not include tuition/books):	Amount
Room and Board	\$
Travel to and from campus	\$
Other (please be specific)	
	\$
	\$
B. Total Expenses	\$

Resources A. less Expenses B.	
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Applicant's current debts:	Amount
Accumulated debts under student's loans (incl. current year)	\$
Accumulated debts from banks or credit unions	\$
Outstanding balance on all credit cards, etc.	\$
C. Total Debt	\$

I hereby declare that this is a true and accurate statement of my financial status.

Date: _____ Signature: _____



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Checklist

In order for your application to be considered the following items must be sent directly to the APLA Vice-President/President Elect by the specified deadline.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Arrange for transcripts of your undergraduate degree.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Provide your letter of acceptance as a MLS candidate from an accredited library school. OR If you have completed part of your MLS programme you may substitute the transcript of your first year MLS programme and your plan for programme completion
<input type="checkbox"/>	Arrange for up to three letters of reference.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Provide a statement outlining your reasons for entering the library profession and your career aspirations.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Include a resume specifying your Atlantic Provinces connection/residency.

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