

# Midwest Chapter of MLA Invites Applications for the Leslie Troutman Scholarship

**83rd Annual Meeting  
November 2-4, 2023  
Lexington, Kentucky**



**I. The scholarship supports portions of the expenses related to attending this year's annual chapter meeting November 2-4, 2023 Lexington, Kentucky. The application deadline is September 26, 2023.**

The Scholarship may be awarded for up to \$500, and may be used to offset the following conference expenses:

1. Lodging for the two nights of the conference (Thursday and Friday) at one-half of the double occupancy rate;
2. Expenses for meals, reimbursed at the CONUS rate for one full day (Friday) and two partial days (Thursday and Saturday);
3. Travel by car/plane/train/bus, generally by the least expensive method. (If mileage for a personal vehicle is awarded, it will be paid at the current IRS rate at the time of the conference.)
4. Other expenses related to attending the conference.

Award recipients who are not already members of the Midwest Chapter of MLA are expected to join prior to attending the November meeting. Award recipients are also expected to contribute a summary of one session of the Chapter meeting to be published in the Midwest NoteBook.

Supporting our colleagues' involvement in the life of the chapter is a priority! **Music library paraprofessionals and support staff** are eligible for this opportunity and are encouraged to apply. Applicants must reside at the time of the meeting in one of the states the Midwest Chapter (Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, and Wisconsin), and must also be a library paraprofessional/support professional working with music materials as a significant portion of his/her job responsibilities.

**II. Applicants must submit the following to arrive by September 26, 2023. Applicants will be evaluated on the quality of the application.**

1. A cover sheet with the following information: date of application; name of applicant/nominee; email address of applicant/nominee; name of nominating chapter member (if applicable); name of employing library; position/title; and years in position.
2. A cover letter describing the applicant's interests in music librarianship and why attending the meeting would be meaningful (up to 200 words). Applicants should include a statement of professional goals as they related to conference attendance.
3. A brief budget for travel and lodging.

4. A current résumé or vita;
5. One letter of support. Where applicable, it should be from a current supervisor.

**III. The application deadline is September 26, 2023. Please submit application to the Scholarship Committee chair Kristi Bergland ([bergl007@umn.edu](mailto:bergl007@umn.edu))**

If you have any questions, please contact Kristi Bergland via email at [bergl007@umn.edu](mailto:bergl007@umn.edu).

Recipients will be notified no later than September 29, 2023, and announced on MWMLA-L immediately thereafter. Please note that the Midwest Chapter of MLA may elect to pay directly for travel and hotel expenses on the recipient's behalf and only supply the balance, if any, of an award following the 2023 Lexington, Kentucky meeting.