

Libraries Southwest Scholarship Application Form

Part 1 – Applicant Information

Please print or type.

Name Brittney Cash	
Address 2300 Stingray Dr.	
City Lake Charles	Zip Code 70605
Parish Calcasieu	
Phone Number 864-508-6223	Date of Birth 03-28-1990
Email Bmcash0328@gmail.com	
Institution you plan to attend East Carolina University	
Degree or certification you plan to pursue Masters in Library and Information Science	

Work Experience (please include volunteer experience and internships)

Dates	Place of Business	Position	Reason for Leaving	Accomplishments
6/8/15	Calcasieu Parish Public Library	Library Associate - Programming	still employed	Promoted within a year of employment
4/16/12 6/1/15	Spartanburg County Public Library	Library Clerk	Moved out of state	
8/10/10 5/6/15	Limestone College - AJ Eastwood Library	Work Study	graduated	

Brittney Cash

When I was young I loved to read. As I grew older that love of books I had found continued to grow with me and blossomed into a career path. My first experience working in libraries came when I was a freshman in college. I was in the work study program and worked our campus libraries circulation desk. While working here, I was able to help a wide variety of people, as our library was also open to the public. The challenge that presented itself here was learning how to explain computer problems on different levels. The college students would come in and need help navigating research databases, while the public patrons would need help with the most basic of computer skills. I had to find ways to explain computing processes that had become second nature to me. From there, I moved to my local public library. I started out as a Page, sorting and shelving carts. From that position I moved to a Library Clerk and began working the circulation desk again. Here, I also had the chance to start working with Teens. When I moved to Louisiana I had my first full-time Librarian job. Within the first year of working, I was promoted to the Programming Department. Here, I've had to come up with new program idea to help expand our ever growing Children and Teen Programs.

As a Teen Programming Librarian I plan on taking courses that will teach me new ways to enhance Central Libraries current teen program, courses that will help me find ways to start a Tween Program, so that we will be able to engage younger readers who feel that they have out grown our Children's Department so that we do not lose that age group all together, and learn how to implement new ideas to increase the attendance of our adult programs. It is my hope, that in taking the courses in my chosen field at East Carolina, that I will gain a better understanding of how the library works and gain the knowledge to find new ways to go above and beyond for the patrons in the community that I serve.

Part 2 – Essay

In 300-350 words, please describe your experience and interest in librarianship and how the classes you plan to take will enhance your present role as a library employee.

Please type this essay in a separate Word document using 12-point Times New Roman font. Please include your name at the top of the essay.

Part 3 – Recommendation Form

The committee requires a recommendation form, which should be completed by the applicant's immediate supervisor. It is useful for your supervisor if you provide them with a copy of this scholarship application form along with the recommendation form. Be sure your supervisor has adequate time to complete the form. Your supervisor must put the completed form in a sealed envelope and sign the back of it before giving it to you to turn in with your application materials. **Do not open this sealed recommendation envelope!**

Authorization for Release of Records

I hereby authorize Libraries Southwest to release any information concerning my scholarship application materials to the Libraries Southwest Scholarship Committee, and I permit the use of the information in the essay in publicity for Libraries Southwest.

Applicant's Name Brittney M. Cash

Applicant's Signature Brittney M. Cash

Date June 16, 2016

Add or Drop Classes

B01163722 Brittney M. Cash
Fall 2016
Jun 16, 2016 05:45 pm

To add a class, enter the Course Reference Number in the Add Classes section. To drop a class, use the options available in the Action pull-down list.

Note: Your tuition and fee charges update each time you make an adjustment to your schedule. Please check your account status on line and make sure all charges are paid in full prior to the published schedule cancellation dates.

Career Withdrawals

Withdrawal Credits Used : Not applicable at student's current level

Withdrawal Credits Remaining : Not applicable at student's current level

Current Schedule

Status	Action	CRN	Subj	Crse	Sec	Level	Cred	Grade	Mode	Title
Web Registered on Jun 07, 2016	None ▼	85567	LIBS	6010	602	Graduate	3.000	Standard Letter Grade		Found of Library And Info Stu
Web Registered on Jun 07, 2016	None ▼	85568	LIBS	6014	601	Graduate	3.000	Standard Letter Grade		Introduction to Reference

Total Credit Hours: 6.000

Billing Hours: 6.000

Minimum Hours: 0.000

Maximum Hours: 15.000

Date: Jun 16, 2016 05:45 pm

Add Classes Worksheet

CRNs

RELEASE: 8.7

Recommendation Form

PLEASE NOTE: the applicant named below is applying for a scholarship administered by Libraries Southwest. Your recommendation is needed as part of the application process. Please return this form to the applicant in a sealed envelope with your signature across the flap so he/she may submit it as part of a complete package. In addition to completing the form, you may also include a personal letter of recommendation (optional).

Applicant's Name Brittney Cash

How long have you know this individual? 2 years

Is what capacity does this person work in your library? Programming Staff

Circle the rating most applicable to the applicant on the following criteria using the scale:

(1) Below Average (2) Average (3) Above Average (4) Excellent (5) Outstanding

Goal Oriented	1	2	3	4	<u>5</u>
Prospect for Personal Success (career/personal)	1	2	3	4	<u>5</u>
Leadership Qualities	1	2	3	<u>4</u>	5
Responsibility/Reliability	1	2	3	4	<u>5</u>
Creativity/Resourcefulness	1	2	3	4	<u>5</u>
Prospects for Academic Success	1	2	3	4	<u>5</u>

Remarks and general information concerning this individual you feel the selection committee should consider when screening this application, please elaborate on information provided. (Attach additional sheet(s) to elaborate.)

Brittney is truly an outstanding library employee. She brings talent, creativity, & energy to the team and is quite a success with our patrons.

Megan Varbragh
Name (print)

Supervisor
Relationship to Applicant, if any

Central Library, Calcasieu Parish Public
Name of Organization/Business

337-721-7121
Phone

Megan Varbragh
Signature

6/28/2016
Date

Monday, June 27, 2016

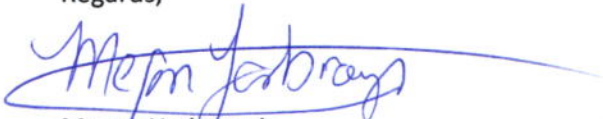
To Whom It May Concern:

I have worked with Brittney Cash for over a year as a part of our library's patron services team. During this year, I have found Brittney to be one of the happiest, most involved staff members that we have. When she first joined us, there was a lot of turmoil internally. However, despite all the chaos surrounding our department, Brittney marched in with a never-ending smile and a determination to help our patrons to the fullest of her abilities no matter what. That was a year ago. Today, Brittney continues to give 200% to our patrons and infuse our department with a sense of humor, cheerfulness, and a love of the library.

Brittney has a contagious love for books and for learning. I have watched her enthuse about books in a way that causes even our surliest of patrons to smile and start talking to her about books. She has a thorough understanding of books and readers' advisory, a skill that is critical in a public library. Brittney truly embodies the modern librarian. She is enthusiastic about the work, about helping the public, and about educating the public about our materials and our information organization structures. She is willing to learn anything and there is no task that is beneath her. I feel like armed with an MLIS, Brittney has the capacity to be a librarian that will radically improve whatever library she works at and make an enormous difference to the community that she serves. As a single mother of two wonderful little girls, Brittney will benefit greatly from any aid that she is given throughout her education. She is determined to better her family and to become an example to her daughters. I believe that any organization that chooses to help her will be proud to have her as a recipient of their charity.

Brittney is excited about her future in the library field and proves herself time and time again to be the type of library employee libraries need. She is the embodiment of a hard worker and is someone who is dedicated to her job; she is always looking for new ways to improve herself and to be the best employee and coworker she can be. I know that she will bring this same drive to her education and will be an excellent candidate for a MLIS; any organization that will support her in this endeavor will not regret doing so.

Regards,



Megan Yarbrough
Central Library Programming Supervisor
Calcasieu Parish Public Library System