

Libraries Southwest Scholarship Application Form

Part 1 – Applicant Information

Please print or type.

Name Megan Yarbrough	
Address 418-A Route 66	
City DeQuincy	Zip Code 70633
Parish Calcasieu	
Phone Number 337-287-0316	Date of Birth 08/08/1989
Email Mthom8889@gmail.com	
Institution you plan to attend LSU Baton Rouge	
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
5/2014- Current	Calcasieu Parish Public Library System	Programming Supervisor	N/A	-moved from part time assistant to supervisor in two years. -collaborated as a library employee on a festival project to create traveling exhibit that was then presented at 2016 LLA Conference.
02/2013- 05/2014	City of Corpus Christi Public Library System	Library Assistant	Moved to Louisiana	

05/2008-08/2012	Sulphur Parks and Recreation	Manager	Moved to Texas	
-was the 2015 Louisiana Library Association Scholarship recipient -is the 2016 Donald D. Foos Scholarship from LSU SLIS recipient -presented session at Louisiana Library Association Conference in 2016				

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 Megan Varbrough

Applicant’s Signature 

Date 8/17/2016

Megan Yarbrough

Working in a public library has allowed me to interact with the public on a level where I feel like I have the potential to impact their lives, even if only for a brief interaction. A library promotes literacy, education, and is an example of the public giving back to itself. As the Programming Supervisor for the main branch in our system, I have been able to better serve our patrons and have begun the process of reimagining and recreating our library to become a community center for information, education, and entertainment. This is an exciting opportunity for me. With my MLIS, I hope to eventually become a branch manager at one of our smaller, more rural branches. I would like to be able to help a rural branch become the best it can be and to introduce the surrounding community to new ideas and experiences that they might not otherwise encounter.

My goal in returning for my MLIS was to better educate myself to better serve my library system; however, as I prepare to begin my last semester in Fall 2016, I feel like the process has reinvigorated me to become a champion for the library. My classes have shown me that there is an entire world of difference between different public libraries systems throughout the country; I have learned how to become to best branch possible and what pitfalls to avoid. One of the best lessons I have learned is something that has been a running theme throughout all of my classes: adapt, adapt, and adapt to best serve your patrons. Getting my masters while simultaneously holding a full time job has taught me to adapt better than anything else could have. I am now armed with more library knowledge and more life experience to better prepare me for my future. I hope my last semester is just as successful as the others have been and hope that I will be able to put all I have learned and will continue to learn into good use.

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FALL 2016

Dept	Course	Sect	Sess	Hrs	Beg	Ends	Night	Days	Building	Room
LIS	7101	001		3.0	TBA					
LIS	7102	001		3.0	TBA					
LIS	7205	001		3.0	TBA					
LIS	7807	001		3.0	TBA					
Total Hours				12.0						

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 Megan Yarbrough

How long have you know this individual? ²
1.5 years

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

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

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.)

See attached

Clare Coleman
Name (print)

Immediate Supervisor
Relationship to Applicant, if any

Calcasieu Parish Public Library
Name of Organization/Business

337-721-7122
Phone

Clare Coleman
Signature

5/4/2016
Date



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Dr. Gabriel Morley
Director

May 4, 2016

I would like to recommend Megan Yarbrough for the Library Southwest scholarship. Megan has worked under my supervision for almost two years now, and during that time she has proven to be highly intelligent, industrious, dependable, creative, and attentive to detail. Megan has high standards and the quality of work she does for us always exemplifies this. She is an avid reader who loves sharing her passion for history. Megan successfully coordinated an sponsored *Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War* exhibit in 2015. Most recently, she worked with me to create the travelling exhibit *Reading the World: Tablet to Tablet*, which we presented at the Louisiana Library Association annual conference this past Spring. When she is not assisting patrons at the reference desk, Megan supervises three staff and is responsible for overseeing programs for all ages at our Central Library. She also stays busy by leading our monthly book discussions for adults and maintaining our book blog (www.bayoubookbytes.blogspot.com/).

From her very first interview, Megan impressed us with her confidence, knowledge, personality, and natural leadership skills. I am happy to say she continues to surpass expectations in all of these categories.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark red ink that reads 'Clare Coleman'.

Clare Coleman
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