

## Libraries Southwest Scholarship Application Form

### Part 1 – Applicant Information

*Please print or type.*

Name Brittney Cash	
Address 301 W. Claude Street	
City Lake Charles	Zip Code 70605
Parish Calcasieu	
Phone Number (337) 302-4304	Date of Birth March 28, 1990
Email BCash@calcasieulibrary.org	
Institution you plan to attend East Carolina University	
Degree or certification you plan to pursue Master of Library Science	

### Work Experience *(please include volunteer experience and internships)*

Dates	Place of Business	Position	Reason for Leaving	Accomplishments
August 2010 – May 2015	AJ Eastwood Library at Limestone College	Work Study Library Assistant	Graduated	Graduated with Honors.
April 2012 – June 2015	Spartanburg County Public Library	Library Clerk	Moved out of State	Promoted from Page to Library Clerk after a year of employment.

June 2015 – Current	Calcasieu Parish Public Library	Library Associate - Programming	Currently Employed	Promoted to the Programming Department within a year of employment.
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**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 Cash

Applicant’s Signature Brittney Cash

Date May 5, 2017


Brittney Cash

I've worked in a library system for going on seven years now and in four different libraries. While the job remains the same, no two days have been the same. Each day has been filled with some new task or adventure for me to work through and I could not be happier with where I am. I began as a work study library assistant at Limestone College. I originally chose this job because it seemed like a great place to get homework done. Wrong. I was so very wrong. I helped other students find books, helped professors research, and helped other library staff set up exhibits. It was here that I fell in love with working in the library and this motivated me to apply at my local public library to find out what else there was waiting for me in the world of librarianship. I was originally hired on as a Page, which allowed me the freedom to move through the stacks and discover new books and trends that were happening in my community. After a few months of this I applied for and was chosen for a promotion to Library Clerk. It was here that I received my first taste of working with the public. The excitement of helping a patron find the perfect book or a new series still hasn't quite worn off. In addition to helping patrons, I also began helping with programming. I was able to help set up and get everything together for a program, but I was unable to participate. I went to my branch manager and ask her what I needed to do to be able to do more. She told me, "you most defiantly have the skills to run a program and to even implement your own ideas. However, you don't have the credentials to do so."

Working towards my Master's means so much more than going to classes and receiving a piece of paper at the end of the journey. This degree means freedom. It means that I will never again be held back because I "have the skill but lack the credentials". Having my Master's in Library Science will give me the ability to move forward in a career field that I love and the classes that I take along the way will allow me to discover new ways to help serve and help my community grow.

# Academic Transcript

B01163722 Brittney M. Cash  
Apr 27, 2017 10:27 am

 This is not an official transcript. Courses which are in progress may also be included on this transcript.

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## Transcript Data

### STUDENT INFORMATION

**Name :** Brittney M. Cash  
**Birth Date:** Mar 28, 1990  
**Student Type:** Continuing

### Curriculum Information

#### Current Program

Master of Library Science

**Program:** MLS-Library Science  
**College:** College of Education  
**Major and Department:** Library Science,  
Interdisciplinary Professions  
**Major Concentration:** MLS - Public Library

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## INSTITUTION CREDIT -Top-

Term: Fall 2016

**College:** College of Education  
**Major:** Library Science  
**Student Type:** Graduate/Doctoral/CAS Degree  
**Academic Standing:** Good Standing

Subject	Course	Campus	Level	Title	Grade	Credit Hours	Quality Points	Start and End Dates	R	CEU Contact Hours
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LIBS	6010	De/Internet	GR	Found of Library And Info Stu	A	3.000	12.000			
LIBS	6014	De/Internet	GR	Introduction to Reference	A	3.000	12.000			

### Term Totals (Graduate)

	Attempt Hours	Passed Hours	Earned Hours	GPA Hours	Quality Points	GPA Points
<b>Current Term:</b>	6.000	6.000	6.000	6.000	24.000	4.000
<b>Cumulative:</b>	6.000	6.000	6.000	6.000	24.000	4.000

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## TRANSCRIPT TOTALS (GRADUATE) -Top-

Attempt Hours	Passed Hours	Earned Hours	GPA Hours	Quality Points	GPA Points
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<b>Total Institution:</b>	6.000	6.000	6.000	6.000	24.000	4.000
<b>Total Transfer:</b>	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
<b>Overall:</b>	6.000	6.000	6.000	6.000	24.000	4.000

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**COURSES IN PROGRESS -Top-**

Term: Spring 2017

**College:** College of Education  
**Major:** Library Science  
**Student Type:** Continuing

Subject	Course	Campus	Level	Title	Credit Hours	Start and End Dates
LIBS	6026	De/Internet	GR	Organization of Information in Libraries	3.000	
LIBS	6031	De/Internet	GR	Library Administration and Management	3.000	
LIBS	6042	De/Internet	GR	Technology for Library Services	3.000	

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Term: Fall 2017

**College:** College of Education  
**Major:** Library Science  
**Student Type:** Continuing

Subject	Course	Campus	Level	Title	Credit Hours	Start and End Dates
LIBS	6018	De/Internet	GR	Collection Development	3.000	
LIBS	6019	De/Internet	GR	Research Literacy in Library Science	3.000	
LIBS	7050	De/Internet	GR	Seminar on Public Libraries	3.000	

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## 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? direct report; teen programmer

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.)

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Meyn Thomas Garbrazo  
Name (print)

Supervisor  
Relationship to Applicant, if any

Calcasieu Parish Public Library  
Name of Organization/Business

337-287-0316  
Phone

[Signature]  
Signature

4/27/17  
Date

April 27, 2017

To Whom It May Concern:

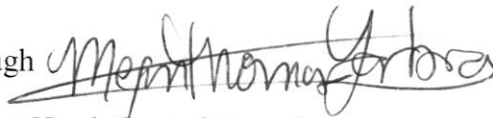
I work with Brittney in a Supervisor position at the Central Branch of the Calcasieu Parish Public Library System for over two years. During this time, I have seen Brittney go from having basic library experience at all to becoming a trusted member of our staff and a go to person when there is trouble. She has shown exemplary leadership skills, problem solving techniques, and personal communication skills that any employer or school would want to have in their organization. When she told me that she was applying for library school, I was excited to know that the world of library work would be gaining an awesome testament to the field and that Brittney, in any library she might work in, would be an incredible addition.

Brittney started in Reference. When the teen coordinator position opened, she was first person on everyone's mind. She has probably been one of the best hires the programming department has made. She has helped to completely rebuild and reformat our teen program department; our patrons and teens both love her and she makes an extra effort to reach out to those teens that might get shuffled to side in the business of life and social interactions. Brittney has truly embraced the idea of the modern public library being a community center and she shows that dedication to our patrons in her work, ideas, and daily interactions.

From personal interactions with Brittney, I can attest that she is a natural born student. She loves to learn and she has a penchant for discovering new things and being enthusiastic about them. There has been nothing yet that Brittney is not interested in learning about and she continues to try to broaden her knowledge base despite graduating from school already. I believe that any institution that would be willing to help Brittney in her pursuit of a degree would be aiding someone who is going to define the future of librarianship. Brittney truly believe in the mission of helping teens and tweens in the library; she does not see them as statistics, but as the future of our community. She strives daily to help the library become a community center for all and to make sure that our community knows that it's library is always there for them. I appreciate your consideration of Brittney for this scholarship; you will not regret it.

Thank you,

Megan Thomas Yarbrough



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