

OELMA Scholarship & Awards Program

Award Descriptions

Administrator-of-the-Year Award recognizes an Ohio school administrator, who has made significant contributions to the planning, implementation, and/or support of school library programs, resulting in improved program quality and increased student learning.

OELMA's Award-of-Merit recognizes an Ohio certified library media specialist who has made outstanding contributions to school librarianship. The honoree has demonstrated a long-term commitment to the school library profession, while serving in OELMA leadership roles.

The Emerging Leader Award recognizes OELMA members who have recently assumed an OELMA leadership role for the first time. This Award honors members who demonstrate leadership potential and encourages members' active participation in OELMA.

OELMA's Intellectual Freedom Award recognizes Ohio school library media specialists and/or other Ohio educators who demonstrate support for the American Library Association's principles of intellectual freedom. Award recipients exhibit a strong commitment to First Amendment values through the active promotion of -- and defense of -- the freedom to read and ALA's principles of intellectual freedom.

The Libraries of Distinction - District Category Award recognizes Ohio's exemplary District school library programs, which are staffed by full-time, certified school library/media specialists.

The Libraries of Distinction - School Category Award recognizes Ohio's exemplary building-level school libraries, which are staffed by a full-time, certified school library/media specialists.

OELMA/Follett Library Resources School Librarian-of-the-Year Award recognizes an Ohio certified library media specialist, who develops an exemplary school library program, collaborates with classroom teachers, implements technology-integrated instruction, demonstrates educational leadership, and advocates for school libraries.

Scholarship Descriptions

J. Allen Oakum Scholarship is \$ 500 stipend awarded to an Ohio resident enrolled in an accredited library school program, who's pursuing certification in school library/media. This scholarship is intended to help defray educational costs for future library media specialists as they complete their studies.

OELMA's Library Leadership of Ohio Scholarship is awarded to a successful Library Leadership Ohio candidate. This award recognizes members who demonstrate leadership potential and encourages development of members' leadership skills. The scholarship is intended to help defray registration costs for school librarians attending the state-sponsored residential leadership education program

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