
SLS COMPETITIVE GRANTS

SCOPE

The School Library System recognizes the benefits of attending State and/or National Conferences for School Librarians.

- Approved conferences for School Librarians are:
 - ALA/AASL (3 grants)
 - NYLA (3 grants)
 - NYLA/SSL (12 grants)
- All member librarians are invited to apply
- There is not cost to apply

GOALS

- To maximize the turnkey of professional learning opportunities within our region related to school library instruction and enrichment
- To ensure SLS Grants are competitive
- To recognize the value of the learning, engaging, and networking opportunities that can take place at a conference
- To advocate for the School Library's role in the whole school learning community

AWARD WINNER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

- Apply for an approved conference before the deadline - Early Bird Registration is highly encouraged
 - Deadlines will be determined on an annual basis when conference dates are announced/ or as soon as possible
 - Application process:
 - see following page (TST BOCES School Library System Competitive Grants: Process, Steps, and Timelines)
 - Applicants are responsible for fronting the cost of the conference
 - Payment/reimbursement will be made after the conclusion of the conference and when all expectations are met.

AWARD WINNER'S EXPECTATIONS

- Present at the next Principals'/Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment (CIA) meeting following the conclusion of the conference
 - Payment will be issued after your presentation has taken place
- Present at the next SLS Council meeting following the conclusion of the conference
 - work with the SLS Coordinator to get on the agenda

GENERAL INFORMATION

- The SLS Grant will be awarded through an Honorarium - \$ TBD per conference; reviewed annually - which will cover Conference Registration
- Awards are granted through an anonymous voting process as follows:
 - A Committee comprised of RSS Coordinators and TST BOCES School Leaders will receive proposals from the SLS Coordinator.
 - Committee Members will review the submitted proposals, but not the name of the Librarians who submitted them.
 - Winning proposals will be selected, and names will be reported back to the SLS Coordinator
 - The SLS Coordinator will notify the winning Librarian(s)
 - SLS Coordinator is not a committee/voting member
- SLS Coordinator will maintain accurate records/checklist of all stages of the grant process for accountability and reporting purposes
- The SLS Competitive Grant process will be reviewed by Council on a yearly basis
- The SLS Coordinator will report data and grant award winners at the May SLS Council Meeting