

**KENTUCKY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING
CAMPBELL HOUSE CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL, LEXINGTON, KY
MARCH 29, 2008
SCHOLARSHIP FOR MINORITY STUDENTS
REPORT**

This report is my opportunity to thank the KLA Board for their vote of confidence in making the Scholarship Ad Hoc Committee into a standing Committee. It is also an opportunity to give thanks to the committee members who continue to help make this committee a success; through the first year and now into the second year. To Elliot Applebaum, Patrick Davidson, Tiana French, Terri Kirk, Terry Buckner, Faith Steele and Paul Poland, without your great ideas and input the Scholarship Committee would have not moved forward!

In the 4th quarter of 2007:

- The KLA Board supported making the Ad Hoc Committee a Standing Committee
- The first Scholarship for Minority Students was awarded to Faith Steele of Lexington
- Plans were made for 2008 beginning with a committee meeting in January to market and promote the scholarship in 2008.

In the first quarter of 2008 the following has been accomplished.

- The committee met at Bluegrass Community and Technical College on February 1st and sorted out plans and strategies for three things; promoting the scholarship for 2008, getting applicants for this years' scholarship and increasing funds in the scholarship account.
- Terry Buckner and Tiana French have composed the Bluebook entry for our now "Standing Committee". They will submit that to Mary Congleton, the By-laws and Bluebook chairperson, and then go before the KLA Board at the next meeting in March. Thanks Terry and Tiana!
- I wrote an introduction for the Scholarship and Patrick Davison put it on the KLA website www.kylibasn.org . Thanks Patrick! (At the top of the home page click on "Home" and a drop down menu will appear; "Scholarships" is at the bottom of the menu.)
- I submitted the Scholarship information to the Governor's Office For Minority Empowerment (GOME) and it has already appeared in their latest newsletter. I emailed their contact, Seniora Burdette and asked if she could place it on their website as an ongoing item. She agreed to do so and the scholarship now appears on their website under "Around Kentucky".
- Faith Steele sent this year's scholarship information to the Black Student Union listserv and will try to get us on the agenda for their March or April BSU meeting and she and I will attend their spring meeting to talk about the scholarship. Thanks Faith!

- I talked to Joe Miller at the UK Library School about promotion and he said that the best thing to do would be to get it on their website and list serve. I sent him the scholarship information and it is now on the UKSLIS website.
- The committee is investigating how we can best "grow" the scholarship money. Some of the exploratory ideas will be presented to the KLA Board meeting in March.
- Terry Buchner will represent our committee at the upcoming Board meeting, March 29th, and will talk with the Board about fundraising ideas as well as our progress.
- Contacted ALA and asked to have our scholarship information submitted to their directory. The directory is updated annually each fall. The following information was submitted to the FALIS (Financial Assistance for Library and Information Schools) directory:
 - Name of Award - KLA Scholarship for Minority Students
 - Program Level - M (Masters)
 - Type of Assistance - S (Scholarship)
 - Requirements - Member of a minority group; Citizen of US; Resident of KY; Accepted to LIS or NCATE
 - Amount = \$1000 + 1 yr student membership to KLA; Student registration to KLA Annual Conference
 - Application Deadline - July 15
 - Where to Apply - KLA Office
 - No. Available - 1

Submitted by
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