

**KENTUCKY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING
LOUISVILLE MARRIOTT DOWNTOWN, LOUISVILLE, KY
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SCHOLARSHIP FOR MINORITY STUDENTS
REPORT**

By July 15, the scholarship application deadline, the KLA office received several applications.

The scholarship committee met July 28th to review the applications and select the scholarship recipient. Once the process was complete, the committee ended up with a tie between the top two candidates. The committee decided to award 2 scholarships this year, the premise being that it would help the profession by getting more minorities into the Library Science program and into future librarianship in Kentucky sooner.

Though our selection process yielded two top excellent candidates, the committee felt that for future years we should have a more detailed scoring system that will allow an easier selection of a single candidate. A draft of a scoring scheme is in process.

Funding for the scholarship continues to be a concern. Though there is currently a balance in the account, the committee will assess ways to increase that balance for the scholarship itself and to fund the additional annual expenses over and above the scholarship for the recipient's KLA membership and annual meeting registration fee.

The committee recommends that the KLA Board fully fund the \$1000 commitment that was originally made and voted on at the 2007 Spring Board meeting. This funding commitment will assure that at least one minority scholarship per year will be available in perpetuity.

The committee also recommends that there be line item annual operating amount dedicated to the committee and its work. The amount should include the chair person's travel, postage, and printing. This amount would be in addition to the \$1000 award.

Other activities: The two scholarship recipients were notified and the recipients were mailed their first installment of the scholarship; \$500 to each.

The 2008 scholarship recipients will formally receive their award and certificate at the annual KLA luncheon.

Respectively Submitted,
Christie Robinson, Chair