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LUCILE ELLIOT SCHOLARSHIPS

The Lucile Elliot Scholarships will again be available this year to assist Southeastern Chapter members in attending educational programs.

According to the scholarship guidelines, the award may be used for any purpose reasonably designed to improve one's career in law librarianship. Preference will be given for attending any activity sponsored by the Southeastern Chapter or an AALL Institute. All members who have not received an award in the past three years are eligible. Awards will be given in a ratio of 70:30 newer members (three years or less) to older members (more than three years) when the applicant pool permits.

The Executive Board has indicated that \$3,000 will be available for the award program. This year the amount of individual awards will be made based upon need rather than having a set amount for each award. Due to the early March date of the SEAALL meeting, the Scholarship Committee anticipates mailing applications to chapter members this fall.

SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

The Lucile Elliott Scholarship fund was established to provide financial aid for any purpose reasonably designed to improve one's career in law librarianship.

Applicants must be a paid member of the Southeastern Chapter of AALL at the time the application is completed.

Scholarship Committee members are ineligible to receive scholarships during their tenure on the Committee.

Applicants who have received a Lucile Elliott Scholarship within the previous three years are ineligible to receive a scholarship.

In selecting the scholarship recipients, the Committee will consider the following factors:

1. Length of membership in SEAALL: The Chapter wishes to encourage the participation of its newer members (3 years or less). Therefore, when the applicant pool permits, scholarships will be awarded on a 70:30 newer members to older members ratio.
2. Participation and service to the library profession: This is demonstrated by participation in committees, sections, programs, projects, etc. of professional associations.
3. Intended use of scholarship: Scholarships may be used to provide financial aid for any purpose reasonably designed to improve one's career in law librarianship. Preference shall be given for attending any activity sponsored by the Southeastern Chapter or an AALL Institute.
4. Lack of financial assistance from employer.
5. Potential for staying within law librarianship: This is demonstrated by employment record and/or educational preparation.

WHO WAS LUCILE ELLIOTT?

Lucille Elliott was the Law Librarian at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, from 1923 until her retirement in 1955. A graduate of the State Normal School (now the University of North Carolina at Greensboro), she began as "Secretary-Librarian," replacing a graduate student who had been working only part-time. Without previous law or library training, Ms. Elliott organized the law library and provided faculty and students with services that had not previously been offered. She also taught law school classes in advanced legal research and writing. During her tenure, the collection grew from 7,000 to 75,000 volumes. (She once presented a paper to the Association of American Law Schools entitled "How to Build a Library Without an Appropriation.")

Ms. Elliott was one of ten law librarians who gathered in Chapel Hill in October 1937 to form the North Carolina Law Librarians, which in 1954 became the Southeastern Chapter of AALL. In 1964, the Chapter created a scholarship designed to advance the professional knowledge and the careers of law librarians in the Southeast. The scholarship was named for Lucile Elliott, to honor her many contributions to the Chapter, to AALL (she was its President in 1953), and to law librarianship.

(Adapted by Wes Daniels from the University of North Carolina Law Library's Library Users' Guide and from Ed Edmonds' "Fifty Years of Service: The History of the First Local Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries, 1937-1987.")

The Scholarship Form has not been reproduced here. Members should have received their copy in the mail. If you need a form, please contact Wes Daniels at the University of Miami.

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SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

The 1991 Scholarship Committee reports that Lucille Elliot scholarships were awarded to the following librarians in the amounts and for the purposes indicated:

Penny Calhoun Gibson \$575
Univ. of Alabama Law Library
1991 AALL Annual Meeting

Dana L. Gray
Adams, Kleemeier, Hagan, Hannah & Fouts \$350
Greensboro, N.C.
1991 SEAALL Annual Meeting

Ismael Gullon \$340
Mercer Univ. Law Library
1991 SEAALL Annual Meeting

Jack Kotvas \$510
Regent Univ. Law Library
1991 SEAALL Annual Meeting

Maurine B. Mattson \$445
Mississippi College Law Library
1991 SEAALL Annual Meeting and Institute

Peggy A. Mitts \$310
5th Circuit,
Court of Appeals Library,
New Orleans
Tuition towards MLS at Univ. of New Orleans

Joyce A. McCray Pearson \$420
Univ. of Louisville Law Library
Interagency Depository Seminar,
Washington, D.C., May 1991

Martha E. Thomas \$ 50
Wake Forest Univ. Law Library
1991 SEAALL Institute

This year, the Chapter Board made \$3,000 available for scholarships. In a departure from recent practice, the amounts of the awards varied.

In determining the award amounts, the Committee considered the actual costs of the activity and the amount of support available from the applicant's employer. Seven of the eight recipients are "new" members of the chapter (with three or fewer years in SEAALL).

The Committee consisted of Herb Cihak, Wes Daniels, Marguerite Rey Florent, Hazel L. Johnson, Deborah Shaw and Sally Wiant.

Wes Daniels
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TREASURER'S NOTICE

Dues invoices were mailed by 30 April. If you have not received an invoice, please contact Diana Osbaldiston at USC Law Library, 803-777-5917. Dues are payable immediately. Bylaw §2b3 provides "All dues, individual, associate, and institutional, shall be paid no later than three months after the due date appearing on the dues notice. The Treasurer shall suspend the membership of any person who has not paid within the time allotted..."

The notice for the Chapter Meeting and Reception at AALL was included with your invoice. Please note that replies should be sent to the Treasurer by 1 July. Any late replies should be phoned to the President, Tim Coggins at UNC Law Library, 919-962-6202.

This is the last communication that you will receive from me as Treasurer. Thank you all for continuing to pay your dues promptly. This is the most important factor contributing to the Chapter's financial health. I have appreciated the tolerance of those few whose names have inadvertently not appeared on the mailing lists. I will do my best to ensure all names of all paid members are passed on to the new Treasurer.

Diana Osbaldiston