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The Institute of Museum and Library Services is the primary source of federal support for the nation's 123,000 libraries and 17,500 museums. The Institute's mission is to create strong libraries and museums that connect people to information and ideas.

*The University of Southern Mississippi*  
School of Library and Information Science  
and University Libraries  
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THE  
**MINORITY  
SCHOLARSHIP  
INITIATIVE**

with the support of  
The Institute of Museum and Library Services  
and  
The Mississippi Library Commission

*The* Minority Scholarship Initiative is a recruitment effort to support ten qualified minority candidates who are Mississippi residents in pursuit of the Master of Library and Information Science degree at The University of Southern Mississippi.



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*s E.J. Josey, librarian and human and civil rights activist, said in his 1984 Inaugural Address as president of ALA,*

*“The information industry has the technology to control information, but its price tag on information distribution and its profit goal create a bias in what information is made available and how it is dispensed. Only the nonprofit organization, **THE LIBRARY**, dedicated to a total community service goal with trained experts, librarians, running the operation can provide the full scope of information for the total population in a fair and objective manner. ”*

## THE MINORITY SCHOLARSHIP INITIATIVE WILL PROVIDE TEN MISSISSIPPI RESIDENTS WITH THE FOLLOWING:

- Full tuition and reimbursement for the cost of books up to \$400 per semester,
- A laptop computer,
- A stipend of \$9,000 for the first year and \$9,450 the second year, and
- Travel to American Library Association Conference in 2011.

## GRANT ELIGIBILITY

- Minority status as defined by Federal Guideline ACS 2006: Black or African American, American Indian and Alaska Native, Asian, Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander, some other race, two or more races and Hispanic or Latino (or any race)
  - An expected baccalaureate before August 2010
  - Meet admission requirements of both SLIS and the Graduate School of The University of Southern Mississippi
  - Willingness to work in a Mississippi library for at least two years after graduation
  - Commitment to advocate for minority librarianship through work with the grant partners
  - Must be able to move to or travel to Hattiesburg or Jackson weekly for the duration of the grant
  - Five hours of library work per week, at either Southern Miss Libraries or the Mississippi Library Commission, is required during the school year, and ten hours per week during one summer.
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