School of Library and Information Science

Beta Phi Mu – Beta Psi Chapter

Welcome to the Beta Psi Chapter of Beta Phi Mu. The organization was founded in 1948 by a group of leading librarians and library educators to recognize and encourage scholastic achievement among library and information studies students. The motto, *Aliis inserviendo consumor*, meaning "Consumed in the service of others" was selected by the founders based on the concept of dedication of librarians and other information professionals to the service of others. Eligibility for membership in Beta Phi Mu is by invitation of the faculty from an American Library Association accredited professional degree program.

The Beta Psi Chapter of Beta Phi Mu awards one annual scholarship to a student majoring in a Master of Library and Information Science at the University of Southern Mississippi, (U.S.M.) Although financial need is considered, recipients are chosen based on their academic achievement, leadership, exemplary character and evidence of commitment.

**Guidelines:**

1. The Beta Phi Mu Scholarship fund’s purpose is to provide financial assistance to a student enrolled in the accredited Master of Library Science program at U.S.M.
2. The scholarship may be used for any purpose related to the recipient’s degree program expenses.
3. All applications will be submitted to the Beta Phi Mu Advisor.
4. The LIS faculty will review scholarship applications and recommend three (3) candidates to the Beta Phi Mu Executive Board. Selection will be based on academic excellence, professionalism and leadership potential in the profession.
5. After the review, the Chapter Advisor will forward the applications to the Beta Phi Mu Executive Board.
6. Board members will review the applications and choose one recipient for the scholarship. The winner will be notified and mailed a check when the process has been completed.
7. The announcement will be made at the annual Beta Phi Mu meeting at the Mississippi Library Association Conference in October.
Criteria:

The $400 Scholarship will be awarded based on the following criteria:

1. Applicants must be currently enrolled at the time of application in the School of Library and Information Science at U.S.M.
2. Must be in the top 25% of the class with a scholarship average of 3.85 GPA (grade point average based on a 4.0 scale)
3. Applicant must complete an application and write a cover letter stating details of service and leadership in the library field and reasons why they qualify for the scholarship.
4. Must include one letter of recommendation either from an LIS instructor, emphasizing scholarship and research abilities; and/or from a library job, internship, or volunteer supervisor stating leadership potential and service to the profession or to the community.
5. Applicant will be selected by LIS faculty and the Beta Phi Mu Executive Board.
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Scholarship Application

Deadline: MAY 1

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Name: ________________________________________________________________________

Address: _____________________________________________________________________

City: _________________  State:  ________________  Zip code:  ________________________

Home Phone: ____________Cell Number_____________ Work Number __________________

Email Address: ________________________________________________________________

GPA _______ Credit hours completed in MLIS program_______ Expected graduation date _____

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Please attach your responses to the following questions:

1. Write a cover letter stating details of your service and leadership in the library field, and reasons why you qualify for this scholarship.

2. Include one letter of recommendation either from an LIS instructor, emphasizing scholarship and research abilities; and/or from a library job, internship, or volunteer supervisor stating leadership potential and service to the profession or to your community.

Complete information and mail to the following address by MAY 1:

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