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# Peggy May Scholarship

sponsored by **The Mississippi Library Association**

The Peggy May/MLA Scholarship is designed to provide financial assistance for the education of individuals planning to be professional librarians, information specialists, or media specialists in academic, public, school or special libraries. The scholarship award of \$1000 will be made each spring to a qualified graduate student currently enrolled or officially admitted in the School of Library and Information Science at The University of Southern Mississippi. Both full-time and part-time students are eligible. This scholarship is made possible by an endowment fund administered by the Mississippi Library Association and awarded annually on a competitive basis by the MLA Scholarship Committee.

Peggy May devoted her time and energy to the advancement of libraries in the state of Mississippi. Until her tragic and untimely death in 1974, she traveled the State extensively to support the efforts of library colleagues in small and large libraries to develop library services for Mississippi citizens. Peggy May loved all aspects of librarianship; she particularly enjoyed encouraging new librarians in their academic and career pursuits.

The Peggy May Scholarship endowment was established after her death to honor her dedication to librarianship and support her commitment to recruit talented individuals to the profession. The Association continually seeks to increase the endowment so the scholarship award may better address the growing costs of a graduate education in library science. Your contribution is tax-deductible and would be greatly appreciated. To insure that your contribution will be properly recorded, please use the donation form.

Criteria for the scholarship include academic excellence, leadership capabilities, and an evidence of commitment to a career in the field of library and information science in the state of Mississippi. Previous experience or activity in the library field is a bonus but not necessary to be considered for the award.

## *Application Instructions*

Application forms are available on our website:

<http://www.misslib.org/org/awards/pmscholar.php>

Applications must be postmarked no later than May 2nd. The recipient will be notified by May 30th.

The application must include:

- Completed form
- Transcript from the institution granting the bachelor's degree, as well as a current transcript from USM if graduate courses have been completed there.
- Three letters of reference or recommendation forms
- Statement regarding library career expectations and commitment to the state of Mississippi
- Explanation of financial need