Scholarships Committee Annual Report 2012-2013

Committee members were: Jennifer Duperon, Chair; Michael Hannon, Vice Chair; Ian Blake Bourgoine; June S. Kim; Phebe Poydras; Louis Michael Rosen; Amy J. Eaton, Board Liaison; and Hannah Phelps, Staff Liaison.

The AALL Scholarships Committee received and reviewed 21 individual applications for 2012-2013, with 8 of those applicants applying to both the Educational and George A. Strait Minority Scholarships. The Committee was pleased to award 23 scholarships to 17 individuals totaling $31,000.00 to the following recipients:

**AALL Educational Scholarship**

Daniel L. Bell  
Abigail L. Deese  
Bonnie Shucha

**George A. Strait Minority Scholarship**

Rhonda B. Evans  
Donyele Darrough  
Raphael Daoud Jackson  
Zanada Joyner  
Saira Raza  
Sarah Susanne Weldon

**LexisNexis/John R. Johnson Memorial Scholarship**

Artie W. Berns  
Brett Daniel Currier  
Donyele Darrough  
Rhonda B. Evans  
Matthew Edmund Flyntz  
Lorelle Yvette Gianelli  
Raphael Daoud Jackson  
Zanada Joyner  
Saira Raza  
Nina Rose  
Elizabeth Ann Schiller  
Marianne Sterna  
Sarah Susanne Weldon

**Marcia J. Koslov Scholarship** (This scholarship is directed at members who serve as librarians in state, court, or county libraries.)  
Janine Liebert

**Law Librarians in Continuing Education Course Scholarship**

No awards were made this year.
At its 2012 meeting, the Scholarship Committee set the following goals: to obtain approval for a new single application form that merged the educational application forms; to increase awareness of scholarship opportunities; and to increase member donations to scholarship funds. In pursuit of these goals, the committee:

- Submitted a revised single scholarship form to the Executive Board at its fall meeting. The form was approved and made available for 2013 applicants.
- Solicited testimonials from recent scholarship recipients about the impact of the awards. Working with AALL headquarters, some of these testimonials were used in a fundraising email letter sent to past scholarship recipients.
- Sent a personal thank you note from the chair to every individual who donated to the Scholarships Program in 2012.
- Publicized scholarship opportunities by emailing a press release to a list of contacts at library and information schools, sending targeted press releases to AALL chapters and SIS mycommunities, and other discussion lists to highlight Koslov and Continuing Education Scholarships, and hosting a table in the activities area at the 2013 AALL Meeting.

At its 2013 meeting, the Scholarship Committee identified the following issues to consider during its 2013-2014 term: fundraising, size of scholarship awards, and name of committee.

I take this opportunity to congratulate all of our scholarship recipients, thank the committee members for their dedication and hard work, and give special thanks to Hannah and Amy for their assistance.

Thank you to AALL, LexisNexis, Thomson Reuters, Marcia Koslov, and all donors for generously providing the endowments required to keep these scholarships opportunities available. Please consider donating to the Scholarship Fund, because even the smallest contribution allows us to support our current and future leaders of AALL.

Those of you pursuing professional development or a graduate degree, please consider applying for a scholarship in spring 2014!

Jennifer Duperon, Chair 2012-2013