**SPECIAL LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION**

**Business & Finance Community**

**2021 Professional Grant Award**

The Business and Finance Community offers professional grant awards to help cover the cost of registration at the SLA Annual Conference. Priority will be given to individuals identifying as members of an equity-seeking group\*. There will be three awards of $249 for professionals.

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**ELIGIBILITY**

* Applicants must be working in business librarianship.
* Applicants should be members of SLA.
* The recipient may not accept a travel award for the 2021 conference from any other SLA Division or Chapter.
* The Business & Finance Community reserves the right to not distribute an award in the event that there are no qualified applicants.

# APPLICATION PROCEDURE

* Please prepare a written statement, in English, of approximately 500 words on any one of the following three essay topics:
  + What is the biggest challenge facing the profession?
  + What skills must the new information professional possess?
  + What do you hope to gain from the conference?
* Include a letter of recommendation.
* Include a resume.

**POST AWARD REQUIREMENTS**

* Recipients will write a brief article (approximately 500 words) for publication in the Fall 2021 issue of the ***SLA B&F Bulletin*** on their conference experience.
* Recipients will agree to serve on one of the B&F Committees or Roundtables, such as the B&F Membership Committee or the College & University Business Libraries Section during 2021-2022.

**NOTIFICATION**

* All applicants will receive notification of award status by **August 2, 2021.**
* Winners **MUST** attend the B&F Community’s Award Ceremony at the virtual 2021 Annual Conference in to receive their funds.

Submit your documents, along with the provided application form as a Microsoft Word or PDF by email **no later than July 26, 2021** to:

Annette Bochenek

Subject: Professional Grant Application

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Submit your documents, along with the provided application form as a Microsoft Word or PDF by email **no later than June 25, 2021** to:

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