



Mary Jo Lynch Award for Library and Information Science (LIS) Students

Sponsors: National Center for Education Statistics (NCES)
National Commission on Libraries and Information Science (NCLIS)
American Library Association (ALA)
Federal-State Cooperative System (FSCS) for public library data collection

Purpose: To encourage library school student statistical research using public library data collected at the state and national level.

Eligibility: Any student working toward a degree from a program of library and information science accredited by ALA.

Criteria: The winning entry must be:

- Appropriate for submission and possible publication in a regional, state, or national library print or online journal
- Based on state and/or national FSCS public library data

The winning entry must possess the following:

- Clearly written
 - Abstract
 - Purpose or thesis statement and/or hypothesis
 - methodology or methodologies used,
 - data and analysis
 - findings
 - conclusions with recommendations for future study
- Potential to directly or indirectly effectively promote public libraries

Number: Only one award may be made annually

Timing: This will be an annual competition. Papers must be completed after January 1 of the year preceding the award. The 2007 award, for example, will be for a paper completed after January 1, 2006.

The award will be announced at the FSCS Conference held annually in December.

Submissions: Candidates must email an electronic copy of the research paper no later than September 15 to:

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Award Committee:

The award jury will be composed of two members to be named by ALA from the Committee on Research and Statistics (CORS), two members to be named by NCES, two members to be named by NCLIS, and one member to be named by the chair of the FSCS Steering Committee.

Form of Award:

The winner will receive an engraved plaque and funding for attendance at either the ALA national conference or the PLA national conference. Winners may be asked to present a summary of the research paper findings.

Costs paid will include actual and necessary expenses of conference attendance, including registration, travel, food, and lodging. Payment will be according to federal travel reimbursement guidelines. (ALA will provide funding for registration and lodging. NCES will provide funding for all other allowable expenses.)

Suggested Data Sources:

Library Research Service (sources of state data):

http://www.Irs.org/asp_public/other.asp

NCLIS (US Library Data Sources and Analysis):

<http://www.nclis.gov/statsurv/NCES/index.html>

NCES: Publications: http://nces.ed.gov/surveys/libraries/pub_public.asp

Data Files: <http://nces.ed.gov/surveys/libraries/DataFiles.asp#Pub>

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