

ITRL Scholarship Program Application

Please fill out and return this application as soon as possible. Applications will be accepted in any standard format. Application deadline is January 15, 2010.

Applicant's Full Name: _____

Current Job Title: _____

Current Library/Libraries of Employment: _____

Address of Current Library/Libraries of Employment: _____

Section 1: Individual Profile

Please answer the following questions (at least 150 words for each section a., b., c, etc.).

- a. How will achieving a master's degree in information sciences contribute to your immediate or long range career plans?
- b. Describe a character in fiction, a historical figure, or a creative work that has influenced your professional life, and explain that influence.
- c. How comfortable are you with technology? How do you use technology at home and at work?
- d. Explain why you should be selected to receive an ITRL scholarship. How will you benefit? How will your patrons/users benefit from you as an ITRL-funded student?

Section 2: Your Library

Please answer the following questions (at least 150 words for each section a., b., c, etc.).

- a. Describe a vision for your library. What would you like to achieve for your library?
- b. As a library employee, when was the last time you discussed new ideas with a librarian with a master's degree (e.g., collection development, programming, software, etc.)? Describe that experience.
- c. Describe one or more information-related projects you have worked on individually in your library. Discuss your role in the project.
- d. Describe one or more information-related projects you have worked on as a member of a group in your library and/or in the community. Discuss your role in the project.
- e. What are the most important issues facing your library today regarding information technology management?
- f. How do you think your library will change over the next ten years?

Section 3: Community Profile

Please answer the following questions (at least 150 words for each section a. and b.).

- a. In your opinion how is your library important to the community? What does it represent to its patrons?
- b. Who are your library's typical patrons? What library services do they use most often?

Send your completed ITRL Scholarship Program Application to Tanya Arnold, SIS Student Services Coordinator, at tnarnold@utk.edu.