**CHLA/ABSC Annual Conference Grants**

**Objective.** The purpose of the CHLA/ABSC Annual Conference Grant is to enhance access to professional development opportunities for individual CHLA/ABSC members, with preference to those who are early in their career or who lack support for in-person attendance to the upcoming annual conference.

**Description.** The Annual Conference Grants cover the cost of upcoming CHLA/ABSC Conference registration for in-person attendance. Five grants will be offered annually. Conference Grants may be awarded in conjunction with the CHLA/ABSC Professional Development Grant.

**Application Deadline**: April 1, 2024

**Review Process:** The CHLA/ABSC Board of Directors will review applications for the Annual Conference Grants and notify successful applicants by April 8th 2024

**Eligibility Criteria:**

1. Applicant must be a current CHLA/ABSC member.
2. Applicant must not have received a CHLA/ABSC Professional Development Grant\* or Annual Conference Grant in the previous five calendar years.
3. A maximum of two individuals may apply under an institutional membership.

\*unless the applicant will be presenting the results of work related to a previous CHLA/ABSC Professional Development Grant or Research Grant received in the past five years.

Note: Voting members of the CHLA/ABSC Board of Directors may not apply for this grant while serving their term on the Board.

**Evaluation Criteria:** Special consideration will be given to applications from librarians or library technicians meeting any of the following criteria;

1. works in rural and/or remote locations
2. early in their career (students, <5 years experience)
3. works in health institution libraries (e.g., hospital libraries)
4. demonstrates a lack of available funding from other sources for the applicant to attend the CHLA/ABSC annual conference in-person
5. demonstrates a lack of relevant professional development activities in the applicant's geographic region
6. anticipates presenting at the conference
7. from individuals who are or have been active in the CHLA/ABSC association or chapters (e.g., acting on the executive of a CHLA/ABSC student interest group or local chapter or JCHLA editorial board; volunteering for conference planning, working groups, sub-committees, special interest groups, etc.)

**Application Form**

Please complete this application form and submit it using [the online submission form](https://www.memberleap.com/members/proposals/propselect.php?orgcode=CHLA&prid=763429)

1. Have you received a CHLA/ABSC Professional Development Grant or Annual Conference Grant in the previous five calendar years?
* Yes
* No
1. Are you a CHLA/ABSC member under an institutional membership?
* Yes. If yes, what is the name of your institution?
* No
1. Describe why you are a good candidate to receive this grant. (see Evaluation criteria 1-7 above)
2. Describe what you hope to learn from attending the conference. How will it enrich your professional practice? How do you plan to share this information with your colleagues?
3. If you have submitted an abstract for the upcoming CHLA/ABSC conference, please include a copy of your conference abstract.