

MPLA Scholarship Committee Report - 2004

The charge from the MPLA Long Range Plan -

Activity 3. A new scholarship committee will be appointed by the President to establish an MPLA scholarship fund specifically to fund students seeking a library degree (by December 31, 2003).

Activity 4. MPLA will explore offering annual scholarships at each of the MPLA region library schools to MPLA members (by December 31, 2004).

The Committee discussed the issues involved in the charge identified in the long-range plan relative to a new MPLA Scholarship. We are recommending that MPLA abandon the idea of developing a scholarship fund at this time as not being financially feasible. If at some time in the future MPLA receives a very large gift to kick start such a fund, then the topic should be reconsidered. At this time, however, it is not possible given the available time and resources. We also feel that the value to MPLA recruitment would be limited.

The Committee supports the fundraising effort that is/will be required to keep the MPLA Leadership Institute operational and finds that a better use of time and effort.

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