

**Frank B. Sessa Scholarships for
Continuing Professional Education of Beta Phi Mu Members
GUIDELINES**

1. Sessa Scholarships are an exclusive benefit for Beta Phi Mu members. You must be able to prove your membership in our honor society in order to receive these funds.
2. Sessa Scholarships are intended to support Beta Phi Mu members in pursuing continuing professional education in LIS, archival studies, or other approved information-related studies. Approved uses include attendance at professional preconference workshops or short courses; continuing education courses offered by accredited LIS programs; and online or face-to-face continuing education workshops and classes sponsored by professional associations and approved continuing education providers. These awards are not intended to support conference attendance or the pursuit of a formal degree, such as a Ph.D. or second Master's degree.
3. Sessa Scholarships are awarded by lottery twice a year, in March and September. Lottery registration opens on January 1st of each year and remains in effect through the September drawing. Members may register at any time, but may only register once per year.
4. Awardees must use their scholarship for an approved professional development purpose within one year. Anyone not using their award within that time period, with exceptions for extenuating circumstances, will be ineligible for future awards.
5. Awardees must provide proof of registration for an approved professional development activity, along with proof of Beta Phi Mu membership, before funds are dispersed.
6. Following completion of the professional development activity, awardees must submit a brief report to Beta Phi Mu Headquarters, describing their learning experiences. Anyone not completing this requirement within three months of using their award will be ineligible for future awards.
7. Awardees may not re-apply for a Sessa Scholarship until five years after the year of their award.

