



2010 Individual Membership Application Information Sheet

Membership is calendar year, January 1 through December 31. Membership is opened as applications become available during the later part of the proceeding year and remains open until the start of the Association's Annual Business Meeting. Membership fees shall not be prorated for periods of less than twelve months.

Memberships are non-transferable. An individual membership is the property of the named individual regardless of the source of payment and is non-transferable.

Membership may be cancelled, but refunds will not be provided.

Individual members have a vote on association business and elected officers. Business is conducted each year at the Association's Annual Business Meeting, usually conducted on Thursday at the Annual Conference each October. Only individual members in good standing may run for elected office. All unit leader and committee members are required to be members in good standing.

New members are vital to the health of any organization so please let us know if you are a new or renewing member. If you are a new member, in the first year following MLS graduation - Congratulations! - Your membership is only \$20!

Library Science Student membership is free to all those enrolled full-time in a program leading to a degree in Library Science or to certification as a school librarian. This category of membership is limited to a maximum of two years.

An annual membership directory is produced in November and inclusion is guaranteed to those in good standing at the close of the membership year.

The *MO INFO* newsletter is available electronically via the MLA web page at <http://molib.org/Membership.html>. Members will be sent an e-mail notifying them of issue postings. Individual member news is welcome and should be e-mailed to mla001@more.net.

Electronic discussion lists, along with the *MO INFO* newsletter, serve as the Association's official communications tools. Along with the membership discussion list, mla-l, MLA hosts a number of unit-specific discussion lists. All who welcome an administrative subscription to these lists are encouraged to indicate their acceptance of faxes and list subscriptions.

Contact information updates are welcomed and should be e-mailed to smccaslin@fontbonne.edu.

Division and Special Interest Group memberships are provided at no additional cost. Division membership is limited to one. Special Interest Group membership is unlimited. Each division has an executive board vote and is represented by a steering committee of officers elected by division members. For further details on the nature of divisions and special interest groups, see the MLA Handbook at <http://molib.org/BylawsHandbook.html>.

Payment is made to the Missouri Library Association and is accepted in the following forms: cash, check, money order, and purchase order. An invoice will be provided to those who pledge payment with a purchase order, with the stipulation that payment be made upon receipt.

Contributions to the Ronald G. Bohley Scholarship Fund go toward the provision of an annual Library Science student scholarship. The scholarship fund and all related Bohley activities are overseen by the Executive Board and the Professionalism, Education, Employment, and Recruitment Special Interest Group (PEER SIG).

Contributions to the Legislative Advocacy Fund go toward the payment of legislative advocacy expenses and a not tax deductible. These voluntary payments may not be taken as a business tax deduction. The fund and all related legislative advocacy activities are overseen by the Executive Board and MLA's Legislative Committee.