



# Jesse White

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### WHITE AWARDS ANNUAL LIBRARY TRAINING GRANTS

SPRINGFIELD—Fifteen future librarians have been selected to receive a \$7,500 scholarship grant from Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White to help pay for the cost of obtaining their Masters of Library and Information Science degree.

The Illinois Library and Information Science Training Grant Program, administered by the Illinois State Library, provides grants each year to college graduates who possess exceptional academic achievement and an interest in becoming librarians. The fifteen scholarships may be used for either full or part-time studies at an American Library Association-accredited graduate library school.

“The state of Illinois has always been a national leader in developing libraries and librarians, and this grant program provides outstanding graduate students with some of the financial resources they need to obtain their Masters degree,” said White. “I am proud to congratulate these talented future librarians.”

Grant recipients are required to work the equivalent of two full years in service to the Illinois library community within the first three years following graduation. As a result, these grants benefit both the student recipients and the state’s library community.

Ten of the students will pursue their MLS degree at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign:

- Emily Margaret Conradt of **Geneva**
- Lindsay Michelle King of **Chicago**
- Kindree Jeanne Knoepfle of **Arlington Heights**
- Erica Jayne Laughlin of **Washington**
- Marielle Martinique McNeal of **Chicago**
- Megan Elizabeth Ower of **Zion**
- Heidi J. Rhea of **Abingdon**
- Lora Lee Smallman of **Granite City**
- Richard Carlon Stokes of **Decatur**
- Mary Eileen Yockey of **Naperville**.

Three students will pursue their MLS at Dominican University in River Forest:

- Blanca Estela Bahena of **Chicago**
- Ekaterina Elgayeva of **Chicago**
- Katharine Ella Johnson of **Channahon**.

Two students will pursue their degrees at the University of Wisconsin at Madison:

- June Jacob of **Rockford**
- Elizabeth Ann Ryan of **Crystal Lake**.

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