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Call for Nominations for GALE GROUP/SELA Continuing Education and Professional Development Committee Professional Grant

PURPOSE: To encourage professional development and participation by new SELA members. The grant will help finance attendance at the SELA Conference in the amount of \$500 for a new professional from each of the member states.

ELIGIBILITY: All SELA members within their first four years of professional work are eligible. The Committee does not consider geographic location, type of library or position, age, sex, religion, race or national origin. Please do not hesitate to apply for the grant because you feel that you have not done enough as a member of SELA. The Committee is interested in potential for professional development/growth more than past record.

SPONSORSHIP: The Gale Group

APPLICATION PROCEDURE: Complete the application on following page and forward to the committee chair. Application deadline has been extended to **July 1, 2002.**

SELECTION: The selection of the grant recipient rests solely with the Committee. Applicants will be notified by August 1. The Committee will consider the following:

- Does the applicant show the ability or initiative to attend SELA conferences if the finances are provided this year?
- How will the applicant use the experience of SELA at their library and in their state association?
- Has the applicant been involved in associations on the state and national level?
- How would the grant opportunity benefit the applicant on the job?
- How might the grant boost the career/contributions of this applicant?
- What contribution is the applicant likely to make to SELA?
- Is the overall presentation/application articulate and cogent?

CONDITIONS OF GRANT ACCEPTANCE: The recipients will be asked to sign an acceptance statement agreeing to the following conditions:

- Recipient will confirm, in writing, with the SELA Committee by September 1 that he/she will attend the SELA conference.
- Recipient will provide confirmation, in writing, from his/her employing institution that he/she has approval to accept this grant and to meet the requirements of conference attendance.
- Recipient will agree to attend certain conference-related functions as requested in advance by the Committee.
- Recipient will agree to keep a daily log or diary in a format requested by the Committee and agree further that this log or diary will be submitted to the Committee and be allowed to be used as a basis for project evaluation and publicity.
- If the recipient is unable to complete the terms of this grant, he/she must notify the Committee and return any funds received under the grant.

Questions regarding the GALE/SELA Professional Grant may be directed to Betty D. Paulk, Chair, SELA Continuing Education and Professional Development Committee. See application for contact information.