

## **The Diane Flores Korwin Scholarship**

The Diane Flores Korwin Scholarship was created in recognition of Ms. Korwin's significant contributions to the American Society of Access Professionals (ASAP) and to the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") community. Ms. Korwin served as a FOIA professional in the Department of Justice's Immigration and Naturalization Service and U.S. INTERPOL, and the Department of Agriculture, Farm Service Agency. Ms. Korwin embodied the highest qualities of an access professional with her attention to detail, superb analytical skills, and her unwavering commitment to public service. Ms. Korwin was a true leader in the FOIA community, which took her to Romania in the early days of their FOIA efforts to address government officials interested in learning about the U.S. FOIA. She joined the ASAP Board of Directors and served as Secretary in 2003. She was instrumental in planning ASAP training programs and luncheons. Prior to being elected to the Board, Ms. Korwin was a very active member of ASAP for many years.

It is for all of these reasons that ASAP established the Diane Flores Korwin Scholarship to encourage interest in the Freedom of Information Act and the hope of identifying the next generation of access professionals. FOIA professionals have the responsibility to facilitate and advance effective methods, procedures, and techniques of administering statutes pertaining to the availability of records or information contained there; to promote improved liaison, communication, and education among persons whose positions require an understanding of such statutes, sometimes called "access laws;" to enhance understanding and appreciation of principles of fair information practice; and, to cooperate with government agencies, private organizations, and legislative committees in seeking creative solutions to problems inherent in such laws or legislative proposals.

An access professional is a person who administers access laws by performing such functions as evaluating, selecting, or determining the information to be accessed; safeguarding information from unfair or illegal use; advising on the accessibility of information, or adjudicating cases involving legal rights of access to information; using access laws in performing such functions as writing or some other journalistic endeavor which relies upon access to information covered by legal restraints; teaching about such laws, principles, practices, and regulations pertaining to information sciences; representing the interests of those who claim rights of access to information; promoting principles of fair information practice by performing such functions as encouraging the uniform administration of access laws; suggesting legislative or administrative changes regarding such laws; or testifying to facts which can lead to improved information practices.

# **The Diane Flores Korwin Scholarship Criteria**

## **Revised/Approved 041912**

2017 Scholarship Judging Committee:  
Jeff Parrillo, Chair  
Members: Marianne Manheim, Mary Fletcher

The American Society of Access Professionals' Diane Flores Korwin Scholarship is intended to provide financial assistance for undergraduate and graduate level students. It is an ASAP member benefit. The following criteria and procedures shall be followed when selecting the student(s) to receive scholarship assistance:

### **CRITERIA**

1. All candidates must be sponsored by an ASAP member in good standing. ASAP members may also apply.
2. ASAP relies on the sound judgment of its members to sponsor well-qualified candidates.
3. Candidates must submit an essay limited to 500 words on "Why the FOIA, Information Access, or Privacy Matters to Them."
4. The scholarship is open to all disciplines.
5. There are no needs-based eligibility requirements.
6. Scholarships will be awarded without consideration of race, color, religion, gender or sexual orientation.
7. The recipient must agree to publication of the essay and award.
8. The candidate can win multiple times. However, there must be a new essay for each submission per year.

### **PROCEDURES**

1. Based on the quality of the essays, the scholarship(s) may be awarded to one undergraduate (sophomore, junior or senior) and/or one graduate level student. Awarding scholarships every year is not compulsory.
2. The Scholarship Judging Committee (SJC) will be made up of three volunteers and/or by presidential invitation. The SJC must be approved by the Board.
3. No member of the SJC will be allowed to sponsor a candidate, nor apply for the scholarship for that particular year. (NOTE: there is no requirement for ASAP membership.) The Board reserves the right to increase the SJC membership in the event of overwhelming entries or needed expertise.
4. The entire process will be blinded. When submitted to the SJC, essays will be numbered and devoid of personal references, i.e., submitter's gender, relationship to ASAP members, etc.

5. The SJC Committee submits its final decision to the Board of Directors.
6. The Board reserves the right to review and modify the decision of the SJC only in extraordinary circumstance that would embarrass the Society or nominee, or jeopardize the credibility of the scholarship program. Any Board member who is a sponsor of the final candidate(s) shall recuse him or herself from any decision with respect to that specific candidate.
7. Time table: The Scholarship notification will be sent in early May. Submissions are due June 9. The committee will submit its decision for the Board to act on at its July meeting.
8. The deliberations of the SJC or Board of Directors shall remain confidential.



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## The Diane Flores Korwin Scholarship Application

ASAP MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING MAY SPONSOR A STUDENT OR APPLY, IF THEY ARE THE STUDENT

**PLEASE PRINT**

### APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone/Cell Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Name of University/College: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of University/College: \_\_\_\_\_

As of May 2017 :

Check One: \_\_\_\_\_ Sophomore \_\_\_\_\_ Junior \_\_\_\_\_ Senior

Graduate Level: Please Specify \_\_\_\_\_

### SPONSOR INFORMATION

ASAP Member/Sponsor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

ASAP Member Email: \_\_\_\_\_ ASAP Member Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

**As an ASAP member in good standing, I attest to the information completed above by the applicant.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

**Please send essay (in MS word format) and application, to Chair Jeffrey Parrillo at [jeffrey\\_parrillo@ios.doi.gov](mailto:jeffrey_parrillo@ios.doi.gov) with a copy to ASAP at [asap@accesspro.org](mailto:asap@accesspro.org).**

Completed Application and Essay must be RECEIVED by ASAP by **June 9, 2017:**

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