

Mid-Atlantic Fall Conference Scholarships 2020

1) Linda Wirkner Memorial Scholarship



LINDA WIRKNER, beloved Regional Advisor Emeritus, selflessly served the Mid-Atlantic Region for more than sixteen years—both as RA and ARA. An SCBWI member since 1991, Linda authored 14 books including *Mystery of the Blue-Gowned Ghost*, *Destination Norfolk*, hi-lo adaptations of *As You Like It*, *Hamlet*, and *Julius Caesar*, and a 6-book series on U.S. history for 4th graders. She also published more than 200 short stories and articles in magazines for both children and adults—among them the 2010 SCBWI Magazine Merit Award-winner “Here be the Dragons” (*Spider* magazine). An educator for more than thirty years, Linda inspired hundreds of students working as an elementary school teacher—including three years at an international school in Libya—an historical interpreter for the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, adjunct faculty for Christopher Newport University, and writing instructor with the Institute of Children’s Literature.

To honor her memory, SCBWI Mid-Atlantic set up a fall conference scholarship for writers, illustrators, and translators of works for children. Both merit- and need-based, it will cover tuition, two intensive workshops, and a consultation with conference faculty. Applicants for the Linda Wirkner Memorial Scholarship must be **current SCBWI Mid-Atlantic members** in good standing, who would not be able to attend the annual fall conference without financial assistance. Information on the application will be kept confidential. Partial scholarships may be awarded as resources allow. **Mid-Atlantic members applying for the Wirkner scholarship will be considered automatically for the RA Scholarship as well if they meet the requirements.**

2) RA Conference Scholarship in Honor of Black Artists, Illustrators, and Translators of Works for Children

In response to the injustices the Black community has suffered in the past and continues to endure, co-RAs Valerie Patterson and Erin Teagan have created a conference scholarship specifically for Black writers, illustrators, and translators of works for children for this Fall’s virtual conference October 23-24. Both merit- and need-based, the scholarship will cover conference tuition, two intensives, and a consultation with conference faculty. In addition, membership in SCBWI for one year will be provided. It is open to writers, illustrators, and translators of works for children who identify as Black, who live in DC or Virginia, and who are **at least 18 years of age**. Both SCBWI members as well as nonmembers may apply for this conference scholarship.

If you wish to apply, please fill out the form, below, and return it to us—along with the required sample from a work-in-progress. (Writers and translators may submit up to 10

pages, double-spaced, 12-point font, with one-inch margins. Illustrators may submit up to 3 jpeg images—max 300dpi. Author/illustrators may submit both pages (max 10) and images (max 3) as noted above.)

Completed applications must be received between September 1 and September 30. Applications received before/after those dates will not be considered.

Email submissions to midatlantic@scbwi.org. Note “Conference Scholarships” in the subject line. We will acknowledge receipt. Be sure to include your name/address/contact info on your writing/illustrating samples.

Recipient(s) will be notified on or before October 15, 2020. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Erin Teagan and Valerie Patterson at midatlantic@scbwi.org.

Date _____

Wirkner/RA Conference Scholarships

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Please check one: I am an author____; illustrator____; author/illustrator____;
translator of works for children _____.

Please check one: I am traditionally published____; independently published ____;
pre-published__.

I hope to schedule a manuscript critique (and have submitted a writing sample (10
pages max, double-spaced, 12-point font) _____

I hope to schedule a portfolio review and have submitted artwork (3 jpeg images) _____

I hope to schedule a translated work for children for critique (and have submitted a
writing sample (10 pages max, double-spaced, 12-point font) _____

1. Tell us about yourself. (Limit 250 words. Single space your answer.)

5. Because this is both a merit-based and need-based scholarship, please describe briefly the monetary challenges keeping you from attending the fall conference without financial aid. (Limit 250 words. Single space your answer.)

Please check one:

_____ I am **a current Mid-Atlantic SCBWI member** applying for both the **Wirkner** and/or **RA** scholarships as appropriate. My membership will not expire before November 1, 2020. By signing this application, I understand that if I win this scholarship, I can claim it only by attending the virtual SCBWI Mid-Atlantic October 23-24, 2020 conference. I acknowledge that it does not have a cash equivalent. SCBWI Mid-Atlantic, at its sole discretion, reserves the right not to award the Linda Wirkner Memorial Scholarship or the RA scholarship if it does not receive a sufficient number of eligible and qualified applicants.

_____ I am **NOT a current SCBWI Mid-Atlantic member**, and I am applying for the **RA** tuition/consultation conference scholarship. By signing this application, I understand that if I win this scholarship, I can claim it only by attending the virtual SCBWI Mid-Atlantic October 23-24, 2020 conference. I acknowledge that it does not have a cash equivalent. SCBWI Mid-Atlantic, at its sole discretion, reserves the right not to award the RA Scholarship if it does not receive a sufficient number of eligible and qualified applicants.

Signature of Applicant

Date