

## **REFORMA NORTHEAST (RNE) CHAPTER - 2024 LILLIAN MARRERO SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**

### **Purpose of Award:**

- The **Lillian Marrero Scholarship Award** was established to encourage library science students who are committed to serving Latino communities by providing financial assistance, as well as to help recruit and nurture more diverse and multilingual library staffs.

### **Criteria for Award:**

- Candidates must be currently enrolled (either full-time or part-time) in an accredited MLS or Ph.D. library school program and may be asked to provide proof of enrollment.
- Candidates must be a current, active member of the RNE Chapter. Active status is determined by participation in RNE meetings, events, and/or committees.
- Candidates should demonstrate an understanding of and desire to serve Latinos and Spanish-speaking communities.

### **Award Guidelines:**

- The Lillian Marrero Scholarship Award is not restricted by age, gender/gender orientation, creed, national origin, sexual preference/orientation, or minority group association/membership.
- Applications are available on the RNE website ([www.reformanortheast.org](http://www.reformanortheast.org)). Applications may be submitted between **January 1 and April 1, 2024**. The RNE Chapter Scholarship Committee will review applications, make its selection, and notify the Chapter's Executive Board.
- RNE Chapter Scholarship Committee members are not eligible for the award during their committee service.
- The Lillian Marrero Scholarship Award is to be given annually to one candidate. If no suitable candidates apply, or the Committee does not feel applicants meet the award's criteria, the award is not given.
- Applicants for the Award will be notified of the Committee's decision on **April 15, 2024**. The Award winner will receive \$1,000 in two disbursements. The first disbursement of \$500 will be made at or following the 2024 Joint Mini-Conference (Date TBD). The second disbursement is contingent upon continued RNE Chapter participation; the Award winner will need to attend at least one RNE meeting or event within 12 months of the award, and participate in one (or more) RNE Chapter committees, excluding the Scholarship Committee. (Attendance and participation may take place in person and/or virtually.)
- If the recipient is unable to use the scholarship money within the next academic year, he or she must return the award to the REFORMA Northeast Chapter.