

Attention USAIN Members:

The USAIN Awards Committee is pleased to announce we are now accepting applications for our biennial conference scholarships. We look forward to hearing from you!

#### CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR MEMBERS NEW TO USAIN OR AGRICULTURAL INFORMATION

Two \$1000.00 scholarships to be applied to the costs of attending the USAIN 2012 conference are available to library school graduates who are USAIN members new to the field of agricultural information (less than three years) or first time USAIN Conference attendees. The conference will be held April 29 – May 2, 2012 at University of Minnesota in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

To apply, send a cover letter including name, address, e-mail address, and phone number along with job title/description, place of employment and length of time spent in the agricultural information field, and/or a statement as a first-time attendee.

Also, submit an essay on a separate page or pages. The essay should be double-spaced, no more than 750 words, and address the 2012 conference theme: "Soil, Water, Food and Energy: Agriculture in an Era of Global Climate Change."

Additional conference information is available at <http://plant.lib.umn.edu/USAIN2012/>

Essays will be judged on the basis of thoughtfulness, quality of writing, and adherence to application guidelines as described above. Submitted essays will not be returned.

Checks will be presented to the recipients at the USAIN Awards ceremony at the Conference. USAIN reserves the right to withhold the awards if there are no suitable applicants.

Deadline is December 16, 2011.

Scholarship recipients will be notified by February 10, 2012.

Send the cover letter and essay **via email** to:

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Evansdale Library  
West Virginia University Libraries  
Phone: 304.293.9747  
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Thank you for your interest in the USAIN Scholarships.

USAIN Awards Committee 2011-2012

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