

Raising the Bar 2012 ARSL Conference Support

The project goal is to enhance library services in often underserved communities by promoting and inspiring excellence in service at rural and small public libraries across the state. Grant funds will support registration and lodging for the [2012 Association for Rural & Small Libraries \(ARSL\) Conference](#) held in Raleigh, NC on September 26-29, 2012.

Public library staff members will provide a statement describing how the skills and information they receive through conference attendance will benefit their library users and co-workers.

Awardees are expected to:

- Fully attend the conference sessions, during the conference
- Demonstrate how library users and co-workers benefited from their attendance, after the conference.

Who May Apply?

Public library staff from state-aid eligible libraries may apply. Priority may be given to those who have not previously attended an ARSL conference and/or to those in library systems serving small/rural populations.

Funds Will Cover:

- Conference Registration (may include one-year membership)
- Hotel Lodging

Participants will register individually; the State Library of North Carolina will make all lodging arrangements.

All other expenses including meals, transportation, parking, and any other incidental costs are the responsibility of the applicant and/or library.

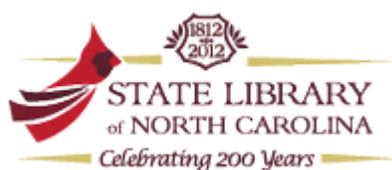
How Do I Apply?

Complete the [online application](#). **The application deadline is Wednesday, August 1, 2012.**

What is Raising the Bar?

Raising the Bar is a State Library program that enhances library services by promoting excellence in North Carolina's libraries through supporting professional development opportunities for eligible library staff.

Questions? Contact Lori Special at 919-807-7425 or Lori.Special@ncdcr.gov.



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