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Dear Mary:

President Gallagher has asked me to address this communication to the Presidents of each of the chapters of the American Association of Law Libraries.

The Association's Scholarship Committee, of which Harold Bowen is serving as Chairman, has prepared an announcement with regard to applications for the Matthew Bender Awards to appear in the February issue of the Law Library Journal. It is believed, however, that in view of the infrequency of some chapter meetings, the announcement in that issue of the Journal may come rather late for some of the chapters to take formal action with regard to the selection of candidates for these awards.

The purpose of this letter, therefore, is to advise you that the Matthew Bender Company, repeating their policy of last year, will award scholarships of $100.00 each, for the purpose of attending the Association's convention in Chicago, to four members of the Association. These members must recently have come into the field of law librarianship and must have demonstrated abilities that would make them appropriate candidates for these awards that are intended to go to individuals young in experience, but who are indicating likelihood of succeeding in the field and contributing to the work of the Association. As well, these awards are intended to go to individuals who could not otherwise attend the Association's convention in Chicago.

President Gallagher's next newsletter will carry a formal application blank which your chapter may use in submitting the application. Prior to that time, however, it was thought that you would wish to be working on the details of this. Items to be brought out in the application blank will be the educational and job history of the candidate and the pertinent facts prompting the chapter's selection, together with a statement to the effect that it is believed that the candidate would not otherwise be able to attend the meeting.
Miss Mary W. Oliver

21 January 1955

In some instances, I feel sure that new officers have been elected by certain of the chapters. I would like to take this occasion to ask that you have your chapters forward to me as soon as possible an up-to-date list of chapter officers and addresses.

Very sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Frances Farmer
Secretary

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