

## DONALD L. LANDRY SCHOLARSHIP

FREE REGISTRATION

Students, apply for a **FREE**  
**registration** to the

2012 Massachusetts Reading Association (MRA) conference

April 12, 2012 – April 13, 2012 (Sturbridge, MA).

### How to Apply:

In 350 words or less, please answer the following questions:

*If you could choose a character from children's literature or from young adult literature to either be a paraprofessional or a student in your class, whom would you choose? Why would you choose this character?*

Please include bibliographic information for the book you select.

**Email** your name, phone number, name of college you are attending, and essay to Mary McMackin

[mcmackin@lesley.edu](mailto:mcmackin@lesley.edu)

**on or before Monday, February 13, 2012**

Your essay will be judged on

- Creativity (0-6 pts),
- persuasiveness (0-6 pts)
- grammar/spelling/punctuation (0-4 pts).

See rubric below.

Members of the MRA Student Membership Committee: Erika Thulin Dawes, Lesley University; Holly McMackin, Needham Public Schools; Mary McMackin, Lesley University;

and Nancy Witherell, Bridgewater State University, will make decisions about scholarship recipients and will notify all applicants by **February 29, 2012**.

## Donald L. Landry Scholarship

**Donald is honored through this scholarship for his many years of service to MRA as its President and Treasurer.**

### Scoring Rubric

	6 points	4 points	2 point
Originality/Creativity	Ideas are exceptional: fresh, clever, unique, and inventive. Intriguing voice.	Ideas are very good: distinctive and imaginative with some common images or anticipated events/solutions. Personable voice	Ideas are good: plausible suggestions with mostly general or anticipated events/solutions. Somewhat lackluster voice.
Content	Essay contains persuasive, relevant reasons to convince readers. Detailed support for each reason is provided.	Essay contains some relevant reasons but they are not persuasive enough to convince readers. Some detailed support is included.	Essay is under developed, with few convincing reasons. Support is limited or under developed.
Presentation		Essay contains few, if any, flaws in mechanics or conventions.	Essay contains several flaws in mechanics or conventions.

Final note: Please include your name and email address on your essay. Mary McMackin will notify you when she receives your application. If

you do not receive notification within 48 hours, please contact Mary at [mcmackin@lesley.edu](mailto:mcmackin@lesley.edu).