

ASAC Foundation

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

The American Society of Arms Collectors (the "Society") was founded in 1953 for the purpose of fostering and promoting interest in the collecting, preservation and study of arms and armor of all ages which have played such an important part in the history of mankind. In 1999, the Society caused the ASAC Foundation (the "Foundation") to be formed as a 501(c)(3) non-profit tax-exempt public charity focused on a wide range of arms and armor educational and literacy-related activities designed to provide the general public with information and understanding on the history and evolution of arms and armor throughout all periods of human civilization.

One of the primary purposes of the ASAC Foundation is the discovery of hitherto unknown facts about the origin, manufacture, use, and history of rare or historical arms and the dissemination of these facts by publication in the Society's Bulletin or in other publications and media venues. At each semiannual meeting, papers prepared by members, scholarship recipients, and invited experts are presented before the assembled membership and guests. The Bulletin is published following each meeting and is widely circulated to museums, libraries and historical societies in the United States and abroad, either in physical form or through the ASAC website.

The Foundation, through its Scholarship Program, has customarily supported intensive research into selected fields of arms and armor topics and, in doing this, many have come to believe that a great deal of valuable data, some of which may be soon lost forever, has been preserved for future researchers.

In view of the above, the Foundation has established a Scholarship Program which offers annual stipends to students and scholars who are researching areas using primary sources and objects or using empirical field trials and which are consistent with the Foundation's aims and purposes. The research must eventually result in a scholarly report of new material that can be published in the Society's Bulletin and perhaps be reproduced elsewhere with written permission of the Foundation. Any public presentation or subsequent publication must recognize the support of the ASAC Foundation in a form approved by the Foundation. Society members are ineligible for this program.

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Researchers may apply for grants of up to \$10,000. Successful applicants will be awarded one half of the stipend upon acceptance, with the expectation that the researcher will make a personal presentation of the research, along with visual material, at one of the Society's meetings prior to receiving the balance of the grant. Additional travel expenses of up to \$1,000.00 in connection with the presentation will be reimbursed by the Society. Generally, only one or two scholarship proposals will be awarded in one calendar year. An applicant is eligible for only one award in a calendar year.

Stipends may require a publishable manuscript that meets the approval of the Foundation. The manuscript will be published in the Society's Bulletin. All submitted manuscripts by a scholarship recipient will be reviewed by a committee of qualified judges who will have the authority to judge the acceptability of the manuscript and/or presentation or to reject those not deemed worthy of the final payment of the award or those in need of further work in order to receive the second payment and merit inclusion in the Bulletin.

All manuscripts and presentations must be presented in English and the ASAC Foundation will expect a written progress report of not more than one page to be submitted every six months until the project is completed. The progress report must contain an accounting of how funds have been spent to that point. At the conclusion of the grant, a final report on the use of funds will be required.

The stipend could be extended for additional years if the recipient is engaged in ongoing research and if interim reports indicate satisfactory progress.

There are certain things that such scholarship funds may not be applied to, such as reference books or journals, any secondary sources, or the entertainment of others.

Applicants interested in applying for the scholarships should complete the application and e-mail it along with a current CV to: Craig D. Bell at cdbell@mcguirewoods.com. The Applicant will also mail the submission to the following address:

McGuireWoods LLP
ATTN: Craig D. Bell
Gateway Plaza
800 East Canal Street
Richmond, Virginia 23219-3916

The Foundation will review completed applications as they are submitted and will continue to accept applications until our available funding for the year has been

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fully allocated. The Foundation will notify the applicant once the Board makes its decision on the scholarship application.