



Small Museum Association
35th Annual Conference
February 17 - 19, 2019

Scholarship Information

The Small Museum Association offers funding for over ten scholarships each year through the generosity of past conference organizers and attendees as well as several partner museum organizations. All scholarships cover the cost of conference registration as well as hotel and meals.

Eligibility:

Anyone affiliated with a museum, library, historical society, or related graduate study program (e.g. Museum Studies, Public History, Library and Information Studies, Historic Preservation) is eligible for the SMA Scholarships. This includes full-time or part-time employees, board members, students, interns, and volunteers. Museum organization scholarships may have additional restrictions; applicants will automatically be considered for the scholarships for which they qualify. Past conference attendees are encouraged to apply, but previous Lesley van der Lee Scholarship winners are not eligible. First time attendees and/or applicants that identify as belonging to a group historically underserved by the field are strongly encouraged to apply.

Expectations:

By sending in a completed application, applicants are indicating that they will be able to attend the conference if awarded a scholarship. If you are awarded a scholarship and turn it down or do not attend the conference you may not be eligible for a scholarship in the future. Scholarship recipients are asked to assist the conference staff during the conference; information on specific expectations will be communicated after the selection process is complete.

How to Apply:

Submit thorough answers to the following questions using the Google form on the conference page of the SMA website- <http://www.smallmuseum.org>, as well as a letter of recommendation from a supervisor/advisor and a current resumé. Supplementary materials may be submitted by e-mail or mailed to the address on the application form. They must be postmarked by **November 27, 2018**. Incomplete applications will not be considered. The SMA Conference Committee will determine the winners of the scholarships and notify them by December 29, 2018.

The Small Museum Association is an all volunteer organization serving small museums in the mid-Atlantic region and beyond. SMA's mission is to develop and maintain a peer network among people who work for small museums, giving them opportunities to learn, share knowledge and support one another, so that they, in turn, can better serve their institutions, communities and profession.



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Scholarship Application

Name _____

E-mail Address _____

Institution Affiliated With _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

I am a: Graduate Student Paid Museum Employee
 Board Member Volunteer
 Other: _____

Previous Applicant: Yes No

1. Why have you chosen to study, volunteer, or work in the museum field and what are your future goals in this profession?

2. **For Students:** What is unique about small museums and why would you choose to work in one in the future?

For Employees, Board Members, Volunteers, Etc.: Describe your institution (annual budget, staff size, and major interpretive and programming efforts) and what it has to offer to your community as a small museum.

3. Summarize your experience in the museum field, including how long you have studied, volunteered at, and worked at museums. Include a description of your current position at your institution and your specific responsibilities or academic focus.

4. How would attending the Small Museum Association Conference benefit you and your institution?

Applicant's Signature

Date

Supervisor's Signature

Date

Application Deadline: November 27, 2018
Mail Completed Form and Recommendation Letter to:
SMA Conference Committee, c/o Rachel Nichols
62 E. Baltimore Street
Hagerstown, MD 21740
E-mail: scholarships@smallmuseum.org