



Southwestern Association of Forensic Scientists, Inc.

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SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE INFORMATION PACKET

PURPOSE

To recognize and encourage students to pursue studies to prepare them for a career in the forensic science profession.

GOAL

It is the goal of the SWAFS Scholarship Committee to be a self-supporting entity of SWAFS through specific fundraising and donations.

HOW SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE MEMBERS ARE SELECTED:

The Scholarship Committee will consist of four members, acquired as follows:

1. The Committee Chair, chosen by the current Board President
2. The two second year board members
3. One SWAFS member at large, selected by the current Scholarship Committee Chair

DUTIES AS A SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE MEMBER:

1. Familiarize yourself with the Scholarship program and updates.
2. Review and score each application packet according to the requirements outlined in the application.
3. Participate in scholarship fundraising activities.
4. Make yourself available to share ideas and talents necessary to maintain a successful program.

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS:

In order to provide at least one annual \$1,000 scholarship, permanent funding for the scholarship will be supplied from any or all of the following sources:

1. Donations from foundations, corporations and businesses.
2. Donations solicited from SWAFS members, other professional organizations and individuals.
3. Raffle(s) at the annual SWAFS Training Conference.
4. Online auction(s).
5. Provided from SWAFS general funds.

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ADMINISTRATION OF SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM:

The Scholarship Committee will review applications annually prior to the SWAFS Training Conference. Scholarships granted will be for the school year beginning on the next fall semester. Scholarship renewals are not automatic; therefore it will be necessary to apply each year for the scholarship. Scholarship funds approved will be made payable to the applicant and sent directly to the applicant.

The SWAFS Scholarship Committee will administer the program. The Committee Chair will acknowledge the receipt of all complete applications by email and/or postal mail. The Scholarship Committee will review the applications and select the recipient(s) of the scholarship(s).

The SWAFS President will notify, in writing the applicants that were approved for scholarships. The recipients of the scholarships will be requested by the Committee Chair to provide a photograph and a brief biography. The recipients will be announced at the annual SWAFS Training Conference and the recipient's photograph and biography will be posted on the SWAFS website.

The recipients will receive complimentary registration for the Training Conference at which their scholarship is to be announced.

SCORING OUTLINE TO BE CONSIDERED WHEN GRANTING SCHOLARSHIPS:

1. 25%---Scholarships will be granted on a merit (GPA) basis without regard to age, race, sex, religion, or country or origin.
2. 25%---The quality of the applicant's narrative statement that explains why he/ she decided to choose a career in Forensic Science.
3. 25%---Contributions of the applicant to the community at large and/or the field of Forensic Science.
4. 25%---Recommendations of academic advisor(s) and employer (if applicable).