



OHRAB Professional Development Scholarship

The Ohio Historical Records Advisory Board, in conjunction with the National Historical Publications and Records Commission, is pleased to offer scholarship aid to support continuing education for graduate students and individuals who care for the historic record. The Board will award two scholarships of up to \$1,000 each to assist individuals in attending, either virtually or in person, a professional development opportunity of their choosing. Funding is available to support attendance at trainings, meetings, or conferences. The award could be used to attend educational opportunities provided by organizations such as:

- The Midwest Archives Conference (MAC),
- The Society of American Archivists (SAA),
- The Society of Ohio Archivists (SOA),
- The Ohio Local History Alliance (OLHA),
- The Academic Library Association of Ohio (ALAO),
- The Ohio Municipal Clerks Association (OMCA),
- The International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC),
- The Ohio Township Association (OTA),
- The National Association of Government Archives & Records Administrators (NAGARA),
- The Ohio Genealogical Society (OGS), or
- Other professional development opportunities subject to approval by OHRAB.

Eligibility

Applicants must be individuals who are full-time (minimum of 9 credits) graduate students currently enrolled in an Ohio institution of higher education; individuals working or volunteering in an Ohio library, archive, special collection, or government repository; individuals who serve as a state, county, municipal or township officials or their designees and whose main responsibility is to maintain public records; and those who work or volunteer in other roles caring for or providing access to records within the State of Ohio.

Recipients are eligible for a Board scholarship no more than once each calendar year and must use the funds to attend an approved professional development opportunity. No advanced payments will be made; recipients will be reimbursed for expenses supported by



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documentation. To be reimbursed, all receipts for meals, registration fees, lodging, etc. must be retained and submitted. Recipients are solely responsible for any tax obligations. Reimbursements will be paid through the Ohio History Connection and scholarship recipients will be sent the necessary paperwork, including a W9 form, which requires a tax ID number.

How to Apply

To be considered for the scholarship, the application must be received no later than **April 15, 2025**. Applications received after this date will not be considered. Applicants will be notified by phone or email of their status respectively.

The completed application and required narrative should be sent or emailed to: Tina Ratcliff, Montgomery County Records Center & Archives, 117 South Main Street, 6th Floor, Dayton, OH, 45422. Or ratcliff@mcoho.org.