



Ocmulgee Blacksmiths Guild Scholarship Guidelines

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Scholarship Committee

The president will appoint a three-member committee to address the following:

1. Approve the scholarship class, and after the recipient has registered, authorize payment of 1/2 scholarship money to recipient
2. Keep track of recipient obligations
3. Approve auction piece provided by recipient
4. Approve scholarship extension requests

Members have the right to appeal Scholarship Committee decisions to the Board of Directors.

The Scholarship Committee is to be a standing committee with membership spanning years, but it's members may be replaced by the president if need be. Committee members cannot be Board members. If a Scholarship Committee member wins a scholarship, the president or vice-president will be involved in any approvals for that committee member.

Scholarship Details

1. There will be an annual scholarship drawing to be held at the February meeting.
2. The scholarship applications must be turned in by the January meeting.
3. After winning a scholarship, the recipient cannot apply for a period of two years.
4. Scholarship money can be used for one class only. No splitting of money to more than one class.

Scholarship Recipient Guidelines

1. Must be a paid member for at least one year and have achieved the age of 18-years to apply.
2. Must attend at least four monthly meetings in the year preceding the drawing.
3. Scholarship must be used within one year of the drawing date, unless an extension is approved by the Scholarship Committee.
4. Must give a two-hour demonstration detailing techniques and methods learned in the scholarship class.
5. Must provide a how-to article for the newsletter detailing the techniques learned in the scholarship class.
6. Must provide an auction piece made from information learned during the class. Auction piece must be presented to the Scholarship Committee for approval. Auction piece should have a minimum value of \$100.
7. Must present Scholarship Committee with requested class within six months of the scholarship drawing or the scholarship goes to the selected alternate.
8. Classes must be approved by the Scholarship Committee. If the requested class is not from a recognized school, for example, from an individual, it will be evaluated on a case by case basis.
9. No more than half of the scholarship amount will be paid until completion of all scholarship obligations. Once the class is approved by the Scholarship Committee, recipient can request 1/2 of the scholarship money before attending the school. The second half will be paid upon completion of ALL scholarship obligations.
10. After completion of the class, the scholarship recipient has six months to comply with the scholarship obligations. If the obligations are not fulfilled, the money prepaid by OBG is to be refunded back to the Guild. Those in arrears will not be able to hold office in the Guild or participate in future scholarships.

Scholarships Offered

Terry Ellerbee Scholarship

One \$1,500.00 Scholarship toward any bladesmithing course. This will be the actual amount spent up to \$1,500.00. Amount can include meals, room and board and school supplied material expenses. Does not include transportation. Requests for reimbursement must be accompanied with a sales receipt, no exceptions.

Classes must be approved by the Scholarship Committee.

Note: Any member applying for this scholarship will be disqualified from applying for the Complimentary Craft Week-End Scholarship.

Judd Nelson Scholarship

One \$1,500.00 Scholarship toward any blacksmithing course. This will be the actual amount spent up to \$1,500.00. Amount can include meals, room and board and school supplied material expenses. Does not include transportation. Requests for reimbursement must be accompanied with a sales receipt, no exceptions.

Classes must be approved by the Scholarship Committee.

Note: Any member applying for this scholarship will be disqualified from applying for the Complimentary Craft Week-End Scholarship.

John Kirbo Weekend Blacksmithing Scholarship

One \$750.00 Scholarship toward any blacksmithing course. This will be the actual amount spent up to \$750.00. Amount can include meals, room and board and school supplied material expenses. Does not include transportation. Requests for reimbursement must be accompanied with a sales receipt, no exceptions.

Classes must be approved by the Scholarship Committee.

Note: Any member applying for this scholarship will be disqualified from applying for the Complimentary Craft Week-End Scholarship.

Complimentary Craft Weekend Scholarship

One \$750.00 Scholarship toward any non-blacksmithing craft course for select crafts commonly associated with blacksmithing (i.e. leather crafting, nonferrous metal-smithing, and other select specialty courses as authorized by the scholarship committee). This will be the actual amount spent up to \$750.00. Amount can include meals, room and board and school supplied material expenses. Does not include transportation. Requests for reimbursement must be accompanied with a sales receipt, no exceptions.

Classes must be approved by the Scholarship Committee.

Note: Any member applying for this scholarship will be disqualified from applying for the Bladesmithing, Blacksmithing, and Blacksmith Week-End Scholarships.

Alternates

One alternate will be drawn for each scholarship offered to fill in if the member awarded the scholarship cannot attend or does not present a class for approval to the Scholarship Committee within 6 months.