



Chicago Area Archivists - Archives & Archivists of Color Interest Group 2024 Travel Fund Award for Archives & Archivists of Color

Purpose and Criteria for Selection:

The objective of this award is to increase the network and professional opportunities of minority graduate students and early career professionals, such as those of African, Asian, Latinx, or Native American descent, who, through scholastic and personal achievement, manifest an interest in becoming professional archivists and active members of Chicago Area Archivists. It is also open to graduate students and early career professionals who recognize the importance of expanding the scope of archival collections to reflect underrepresented communities of people of color.

Recipients will be selected based on their submission of a completed application and the strength of their personal statements. Preference will be given to applicants who have not previously received an AAC Travel Fund Award. Please see “Application Deadline and Requirements” below for specific requirements.

Prize:

The award will cover registration, lodging, travel, and food for the 2024 Midwest Archives Conference, to be held May 2-4 in Des Moines, IA. The number of awards given will be based on the amount of money raised.

Eligibility:

Awarded to current Chicago-area graduate students or early career professionals who are people of color. Also eligible are graduate students or early career professionals who have a strong commitment to documenting the experiences of the histories of underrepresented communities of people of color. Applicant must be a current member of CAA.

Sponsor and Funding:

This award will be funded entirely by donations from members and friends of Chicago Area Archivists. The funds will be collected via a fundraising page on the CAA website. The award is administered by the Archives & Archivists of Color Interest Group, under the supervision of the CAA Steering Committee.

Selection Committee:

The committee consists of at least 3 members of the Archivists and Archives of Color Interest Group. One member of the selection committee shall serve as chair and shall present the award, which will be announced on March 11, 2024 via the CAA website and other CAA outlets.

Application Deadline and Requirements:

[Click here to apply](#) (link leads to a Google form). All applications must be submitted by **5pm Friday, March 1, 2024**, and include the following:

- Personal statement of 250-300 words, that addresses these questions:
 - In what ways do you hope to benefit from attendance at the Midwest Archives Conference?
 - What are your career goals and interests?
- CV or résumé
- After MAC 2024, the travel fund recipient(s) will be asked to write a 250-300-word essay (photos encouraged) about their experience at the conference. This essay may be distributed through CAA outlets and in the MAC newsletter.

Timeline:

January 2, 2024: Travel Award is announced: Donation page and application window opens. Announcements made on CAA listserv and social media channels.

March 1, 2024: Application deadline.

March 1, 2024: Donation window closes.

Week of March 4, 2024: CAA AAC Selection Committee discusses applicants and select winner(s).

March 8, 2024: Notify winner(s).

March 11, 2024: Winner(s) is announced.

Logistics/FAQ:

Q: Who selects the winner(s)?

A: The winner will be selected by a committee consisting of at least 3 members of the Archives & Archivists of Color Interest Group.

Q: How will the award disbursement work?

A: The donated funds are held in the CAA bank account. When the winner(s) is selected, arrangements will be made for conference registration, hotel accommodations, and travel. A check for the daily stipend will be sent to the winner(s) by April 19, 2024.

Q: How much does each winner receive?

A: It depends. MAC membership plus registration fees vary (up to \$225) based on membership and student status. There will be a per diem of \$75.00, lodging allowance up to \$800, and a transportation allowance up to \$300.

Q: Is my donation tax-deductible?

A: No, donations to the fund are not considered tax-deductible.

Q: What about any funds that are left over?

A: Any surplus funds will be held in the CAA bank account designated as restricted, and may be used to support other Archives and Archivists of Color related initiatives.

Q: Who can I contact for more information?

A: Questions may be directed to info@chicagoarchivists.org.