



ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## 2021 Richard C. Maguire Scholarship

*For an individual studying for a Master's degree or Doctorate  
in history or a related field*

### Eligibility rules and general information:

1. The Richard C. Maguire Scholarship is awarded annually to a student working on a Master's degree or Doctorate in history, such as, US, world, military, or religion, **or** a related field, such as archaeology or museum studies.
2. **The applicant must be a citizen of the United States of America.** Proof of citizenship is required.
3. **The applicant must be accepted into an accredited college or university postgraduate course of study in history or a related field.** The applicant must intend to complete and earn a Master's degree or Doctorate.
4. An electronic application package is available upon request by emailing [contact@arsenalthistoricalsociety.org](mailto:contact@arsenalthistoricalsociety.org) or located online at: <http://www.arsenalthistoricalsociety.org/maguire.html>

A request for a hard copy application is to include a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Requests received without a self-addressed, stamped envelope will not be honored. Please mail requests to:

Richard C. Maguire Scholarship Committee  
c/o Rock Island Arsenal Museum  
1 Rock Island Arsenal  
Rock Island, Illinois 61299-5000

5. Grants will be awarded on an objective and non-discriminatory basis without regard to age, sex, race, religion or affiliation.
6. Scholarship funds will be paid by check made out to the recipient and to the college or university of the winner's choice upon proof of enrollment and acceptance.
7. The award is for one year only. **The 2019 scholarship amount is \$1,000.00.** The Rock Island Arsenal Historical Society reserves the right to not make an award in the event that no applicants are determined to be eligible.
8. The applicant must obtain two letters of endorsement. Each copy of the endorsement form is to be given to an instructor or person who has worked with the applicant and knows the applicant well enough to complete the endorsement form. The forms are **to be mailed or emailed** directly to the scholarship committee by the

endorser. They must not be mailed or emailed by the applicant or with the application. Endorsement forms must be **postmarked or emailed no later than May 15, 2021**. Electronic signatures will be utilized on emailed endorsements.

**9. To be considered for the scholarship, a complete application package must include:**

- a. Application form completed by the applicant.
- b. Two endorsement forms mailed or emailed directly to the scholarship committee by each endorser.
- c. Complete college transcript mailed or emailed directly to the scholarship committee by each college or university attended.
- d. Proof of citizenship, such as a copy of a birth certificate, naturalization papers, passport, or voting card.
- e. Letter of acceptance into a postgraduate program in history or related field from an accredited college or university. If this has not been received but is anticipated, it should be stated so on the application.

**10. All components** of the complete application package **must be postmarked or emailed no later than May 15, 2021**. The application and supporting documents are to be mailed to:

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**OR email to:** [contact@arsenalhistoricalsociety.org](mailto:contact@arsenalhistoricalsociety.org). Electronic signatures will be utilized on electronic applications and endorsements.

**11.** Judging will be based on merit, not financial aid. The scholarship committee will use the following criteria to judge applications:

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| a. Grade point average, 30 points | d. Selection of college course, 10 points               |
| b. Type of career goal, 25 points | e. Extracurricular activities during college, 10 points |
| c. Endorsements, 25 points        |   |

**12. Only the winner will be notified of the award.** The winner will be notified no later than July 1, 2019.

**13.** Should the winner, at a later date, be unable to accept the scholarship, it will pass to the person with the next highest score.

**14.** Applicants may reapply each year during graduate school. The Richard C. Maguire Scholarship will not be awarded more than twice to the same individual for each Master's degree or Doctorate.