

SOA Membership and Awards Committee

2026 Rubric for Scholarship Awards

The Society of Ohio Archivists has up to **six** scholarships available:

- Student Scholarship Award - 2 awards for enrolled graduate students
- New Professional Scholarship Award - 2 awards for new archival professionals with three years or less experience in the workplace
- Ohio Preservation Council Student/New Professional Scholarship – 1 award for either students or new professionals.
- Justice, Equity, Diversity, Accessibility, and Inclusion (JEDAI) Award - 1 award. This is an identity-based scholarship designed to help diversify the profession.

Applications should include the following information:

- Applicant's name, mailing address, and email address.
- *Students* should list their school's name and academic program;
- *New professionals* should list their employer and number of years working within the field;
- Description about how the meeting will benefit the applicant professionally;
- Description of the applicant's engagement in archives. This will be taken into consideration along with the applicant's number of years in the field or academic study
- Applicants for the JEDAI scholarship should answer the question, "Describe your identity. How does the theme of the annual meeting, "Find it Here", intersect with this identity?"

Name of Applicant:

Category	Ranking	Comments
1. Application complete (This is yes/no. Complete application=3 pts.)		
2. Description of how meeting benefits applicant		
3. Description of applicant's engagement in archives		

Category	1 point	2 points	3 points
2	Applicant makes a simple statement that meeting benefits them without describing how.	Applicant provides clear description of how meeting benefits them in their professional goals.	Applicant provides clear description of how meeting benefits them in their professional goals, and provides examples.
3	Applicants have 1 example (over last 3 years) of engagement in Archives. This can include academic prizes or scholarships in graduate school; student club (e.g. SAA chapter) or organization membership; volunteer work or internship for an archives, historical society, library, or related institution; archives related committee service; work to further goals of justice, equity, diversity, accessibility, and inclusion; or participation in a archives or related field conference session.	Applicants have 2 examples (over last 3 years) of engagement in Archives. This can include academic prizes or scholarships in graduate school; student club (e.g. SAA chapter) or organization membership; volunteer work or internship for an archives, historical society, library, or related institution; archives related committee service; work to further goals of justice, equity, diversity, accessibility, and inclusion; or participation in a archives or related field conference session.	Applicants have 3 examples (over last 3 years) of engagement in Archives. This can include academic prizes or scholarships in graduate school; student club (e.g. SAA chapter) or organization membership; volunteer work or internship for an archives, historical society, library, or related institution; archives related committee service; work to further goals of justice, equity, diversity, accessibility, and inclusion; or participation in a archives or related field conference session.
4 (JEDAI)	Applicant connects the theme to their identity.	Applicant has a plan for how to incorporate	Thoughtfulness assessment: how will the

		information learned at the conference at their institution (in their education/archival work).	applicant engage with the information they learned as a life-long learner
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