

NORTH CAROLINA ABANA SCHOLARSHIP FUND

ARTICLE I: Name

The Name of the Scholarship Fund will be the W. Dean Taylor Memorial Scholarship Fund.

W. Dean Taylor was the founding father of NCABANA. He was an undertaker by trade but was passionate about blacksmithing. He and a few others met in the Winston Salem area and talked about forming a group, hence NCABANA was started. Dean was in his shop in 1985 when he had a massive heart attack and dropped dead. This scholarship was established in his memory.

ARTICLE II: Income

Scholarship Funds may be obtained from donations, raffles, fundraisers, Iron in the Hat drawings and auctions held at any NCABANA meetings. Funds are to be deposited in an interest-bearing account.

ARTICLE III: Types of Scholarships

There will be two types of scholarships available. The Board of Directors will decide on how many scholarships can be given each year based on available funds. Typically, amounts up to \$1000 for a weeklong session would be appropriate.

The Class Scholarship will be awarded to provide partial or full financial support to attend a class offered at a recognized institution. Level of support will be determined by the proposed course and financial need.

The Mentor Scholarship will be awarded to provide support for a lesson outside of a school. For example, private/individual hands-on forging lesson. The amount of support will be determined by the proposed lesson and financial need.

ARTICLE IV: Eligibility

Any member may apply for a scholarship after one full year of membership. Multiple sessions can be applied for with one application. Scholarship recipients, once the application is approved, will not be eligible for another scholarship for the next three years.

ARTICLE V: Expenses

Scholarship Funds may be used to cover tuition, materials, room and board. Other expenses are the responsibility of the recipient. Funds will not be used to attend conferences or similar

events. Funds will be paid by the Treasurer directly to the provider. In the event that the course or workshop is cancelled, the recipient is allowed to pick another course.

ARTICLE VI: Obligations for Recipients

Scholarship recipients agree to the following obligations upon completion of the course, workshop or lesson.

1. Submit a written report, with photos, for publication in the newsletter.
2. Demonstrate a technique learned from a scholarship funded class at an NCABANA state quarterly meeting. If multiple sessions were awarded, demonstrate a technique from each session.
3. Donate some object like what was learned in the session to NCABANA for auction.

These obligations must be completed within 1 year of completing the course, workshop or lesson. The recipient is further expected to fully attend and actively participate in the course, workshop or lesson. In the unlikely event that these obligations are not met NCABANA will expect the student to pay back the amount of the awarded scholarship.

ARTICLE VII: Application

Applicants are responsible for obtaining information about available courses and workshops. Applicants for a scholarship should submit a written statement of purpose including an indication of what course they intend to take. Applications may be submitted to any Board Member at any time. The Board Member receiving the application will forward it (via mail or e-mail) to the Board Members. Applicants are advised to submit their application at least 3 months in advance of their class. (Please do not submit application more than 12 months in advance of any class.)

ARTICLE VIII: Criteria for Selection

Applicants should show serious interest in learning blacksmith skills. In reviewing applications, the Board will consider, but not limited to, the following factors:

1. The applicant must demonstrate a commitment and serious interest in blacksmithing. For example, applicants should describe their previous work, activity and achievement within NCABANA and/or other groups.
2. That the proposed session is considered within the blacksmithing or closely related craft.
3. That there is some financial assistance needed.

ARTICLE IX: Selection, Timing and Award Notification

Scholarship recipients will be chosen by the Board of Directors. Scholarships will be awarded by a 2/3 majority voting in favor. The Board will review and act on the application within 30 days. **The recipient will be notified immediately by the Vice President of NCABANA.** The recipient will be announced in the next issue of the Hot Iron Sparkle Newsletter.

Board members who wish to apply for a scholarship will not participate in the selection decision.

ARTICLE X: Revision

The scholarship program will be revised with the approval of all members of the Board of Directors

REVISION HISTORY

Originally written in 1985 by Robert Timberlake, President and approved by all NCABANA chapter members in 1985.

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NCABANA By-Laws and Scholarship Document

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