

## Department of History 2023 Scholarships & Awards Program

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## ABOUT THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Through the generosity of donors, the History Department is pleased to distribute over \$50,000 worth of scholarships and awards to outstanding students each spring.

Applicants must be History majors or History master’s students.

## APPLYING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

There is one application for all scholarships, and faculty may also nominate students for scholarships. Please see the descriptions below for information about each of the different awards. All applications require a statement of purpose and two letters of recommendation from CSUN faculty, and some scholarships and awards may require additional materials. Students should contact faculty directly to request letters of recommendation. Please read “Some Tips on Asking for Recommendations” and “General Advice for Writing Letters of Application or Personal Statements,” below.

All application materials must be submitted via the

[STUDENT APPLICATION FORM \(.pdf\)](#)

**Friday April 14, 2023 at 5pm**

Students should be aware that the amount of the awards is credited towards the student’s CSUN tuition and fees.

## SOME TIPS ON ASKING FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

Most of the awards require students to ask faculty members for recommendations. Students should not hesitate to ask faculty members for recommendations! Faculty want to see students do well and writing recommendations are part of making that happen! But students should bear in mind a few things:

1. Faculty are busy. Make sure that you ask them at least two weeks before the deadline and tell them exactly when the deadline is. A reminder a few days before doesn’t hurt either!
2. Faculty will write better recommendations for students that they know a little bit. Try to ask faculty whom you have met outside of class for office hours or with whom you have worked

closely. (It is not a bad idea to make it a policy to visit all your professors outside of class, since you will eventually need a recommendation for something!)

3. It is a good idea to ask in person. It is polite, and many faculty remember faces rather than names, so an email may be mysterious. In addition, an in-person meeting allows your faculty member to ask you any questions that they need to.
4. Try to pick professors in whose class you did well! They cannot say nice things about you if your work was not very good.
5. When you ask, be ready to tell them which award you are applying for, why you have chosen them, and supply your statement of purpose or letter of application. Also, if you have not seen them in awhile, give them some idea of what you have been up to in the meantime. All of this will allow them to write a better letter for you.

### General Advice for Writing Letters of Application or Personal Statements

1. Emphasize academic accomplishments and personal characteristics that make you distinct.
2. Tell a compelling story about yourself, your life experiences, and your long-term goals.
3. Provide specific examples illustrating your experiences, accomplishments, and characteristics.
4. If you are applying for an award that identifies certain prerequisites (ex. Ricci-Lothrop), make sure you address them.
5. Be honest. You do not need to lie about or overstate your accomplishments.
6. Proofread! Proofread! Proofread!

### Awards for both Undergraduates and Graduates

#### The Baur Scholarships

The Baur Scholarships are given to deserving CSUN History majors and History Master's students. The award is a credit for at least half of the student's full CSUN California resident tuition and fees. For more information about this award, [click here](#).

#### The Charles Macune Award

The award is given to an outstanding undergraduate History major or graduate student who has demonstrated excellence in history in a public forum. For more information about this award, [click here](#).

#### The Ethel Eichenberger Bruce and William John Bruce Memorial Award

This award is given to promising undergraduate or graduate students majoring in History who have completed at least 12 units of coursework at CSUN and who are returning to college after a significant disruption or delay in their collegiate studies. For more information about this award, [click here](#).

#### The James Sefton Scholarship

This scholarship is given to a History major or graduate student enrolled in the University's Department of History program, who has a demonstrated interest in United States political, constitutional, or military history. For more information about this award, [click here](#).

#### The Michael Patterson Scholarship

This scholarship is intended to assist a promising History major or History graduate student who is currently enrolled, or who will be enrolled for Fall 2022, either in a credential program through the

CSUN College of Education, or in the History Department's Social Science waiver program. This scholarship consists of a credit towards at least half of the student's full CSUN California resident tuition and fees. For more information about this award, [click here](#).

#### **The Ricci-Lothrop Scholarship**

This scholarship is intended to aid a promising CSUN Undergraduate or Graduate student majoring in history with dependent children who is returning to the university following a significant interruption or delay in his or her collegiate study. For more information about this award, [click here](#).

#### **The Ron Davis Award for U.S. Southern History**

This award is given to a student doing original research in Southern U.S. History. For more information about this award, [click here](#).

#### **Best Paper Competition**

The Department gives awards for outstanding papers by graduates and undergraduates. For more information about this award, [click here](#).

### **AWARDS FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS**

#### **David Bullough Memorial Award**

The award is given to the undergraduate History major in the graduating class (2021 – 2022 academic year) with the highest grade point average. For more information about this award, [click here](#).

#### **The Christine and Albert Zoraster Fellowship**

This fellowship is given to a junior or senior with at least 12 units completed at CSUN. For more information about this award, [click here](#).

#### **The Robert Bailey Memorial Award**

This award is given to an outstanding undergraduate upper division History major. For more information about this award, [click here](#).

#### **The Zoltan Korda Prize**

This prize is given to the upper division history major who has written the best paper, project, or portfolio in History 301: The Historian's Craft in the Spring, Fall, and Summer semesters before the semester in which the award is handed out. [click here](#).

### **AWARDS FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS**

#### **The Rena Vassar Fellowship**

This Fellowship is given to a classified graduate student who has great promise, has completed at least 12 units of graduate work at CSUN, and is not in the final semester of his/her graduate program. For more information about this award, [click here](#).

#### **The Stelck Memorial Award**

This award is given to an outstanding graduate student in any of the Department's post-baccalaureate programs (M.A., 2nd B.A., Credential). For more information about this award, [click here](#).

## AWARDS FOR UNDERGRADUATES AND GRADUATES – FULL DESCRIPTIONS AND APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

### The Baur Scholarships

Origins of the Award: These scholarships are provided through the generosity of the late Professor John Baur, who taught in the Department from 1964 until his death from cancer in 1993.

Terms of the Award: This scholarship provides a credit towards at least half of the student's full CSUN tuition and fees. The number of awards and their value will be determined by the amount of available funds and by the judgment of the Committee regarding the quality of the applications. The award letters will specify the amount of each award. No money will be given directly to the student.

*Additional Requirements for Applicants:*

- This scholarship may be received only once during the student's career.
- The student must be a declared History major.
- Since the amount of the award is limited to California Resident tuition and fees, the student must indicate his/her university residence classification. Awards to out-of-state or foreign students will be based on the fee schedule for California residents.
- To ensure maximum utilization of available funds, the student must also indicate whether he/she will be a full-time or part-time student during Fall 2022.

### The Charles Macune Award

Origins of the Award: This award is named in honor of Professor Charles Macune in recognition of his devoted service to the Department and the University.

Terms of the Award: The award is given to an outstanding undergraduate History major or graduate student, upon nomination by a faculty member and selection by the committee. The student must have demonstrated excellence in at least one of the following areas: 1) presentation of a paper at a professional conference; 2) publication of a journal article; 3) classroom performance; 4) performance as a 694 teaching aide; 5) leader of a student organization.

The amount and number of awards will be determined by available funds and the judgment of the Committee on the quality of nominations and applications.

Since the amount of the award is limited to California resident tuition and fees, the student's application must also indicate his/her university residence classification. Awards to out-of-state or foreign residents will be based on the schedule of fees for California residents.

### The Ethel Eichenberger Bruce and William John Bruce Memorial Award

Origins of the Award: These scholarships are provided through the generosity of the Ethel Eichenberger Bruce and William John Bruce Memorial Fund.

Terms of the Award: This award is given to promising undergraduate or graduate students majoring in History. Special consideration will be given to students who are returning to college after a significant disruption or delay in their collegiate studies. Students must have completed at least 12 units of coursework at CSUN.

The number and amount of awards will be determined by the amount of available funds and by the Committee's judgment regarding the quality of the applications.

*Additional Requirements for Applicants:*

- The student's personal statement should include any information relevant to the explanation of interruption or delay in the student's collegiate education.
- Since the amount of the award is limited to California resident tuition and fees, the student's application must also indicate his/her university residence classification. Awards to out-of-state or foreign residents will be based on the schedule of fees for California residents.

### The James Sefton Scholarship

Origins of the Award: This award is named after Professor James Sefton in recognition of his long service and teaching in CSUN's history department and is given by the generosity of his student, Dallas Bethea.

Terms of the Award: This award is given to a History major or graduate student enrolled in the University's Department of History program, who has a demonstrated interest in United States political, constitutional, or military history. The Scholarship recipients will have a record of strong academic performance and the potential for continued intellectual growth.

The amount and number of awards will be determined by available funds and the judgment of the Committee on the quality of nominations and applications.

Since the amount of the award is limited to California resident tuition and fees, the student's application must also indicate his/her university residence classification. Awards to out-of-state or foreign residents will be based on the schedule of fees for California residents.

### The Michael Patterson Scholarship

Origins of the Award: This scholarship is given in memory of the late Professor Michael Patterson, who taught in the Department from 1969 until his death in 1993. He devoted much time and energy to the preparation of students for our credential programs.

Terms of the Award: This scholarship consists of a credit towards at least half of the student's full CSUN tuition and fees for the Fall semester. This scholarship is intended to assist a promising History major or graduate student who is currently enrolled, or who will be enrolled for Fall, either in a credential program through the CSUN College of Education, or in the History Department's Social Science waiver program. The number of awards and their value will be determined by the amount of available funds and by the judgment of the Committee regarding the quality of applications. The award letters will specify the amount of each award. No money will be given directly to the student.

*Additional Requirements for Applicants:*

- The student must also provide documentation of enrollment in, or admission to, the credential program in the CSUN College of Education, or, in the case of the Department's Social Science Waiver Program, the student must provide written confirmation of advisement and approval by the History faculty member supervising this program.

- Since the amount of the award is limited to California resident tuition and fees, the student's application must also indicate his/her university residence classification. Awards to out-of-state or foreign residents will be based on the schedule of fees for California residents.

### The Ricci-Lothrop Scholarship

Origins of the Award: This scholarship was established in the Fall of 2002 in memory of Maria Ricci through the generosity of her daughter, the late Professor Emeritus Gloria Ricci Lothrop, with the assistance of the W.P. Whitsett Foundation.

Terms of the Award: The scholarship is intended to assist a promising student with dependent children who is returning to the university following a significant interruption in his/her college study or delay in beginning collegiate study.

The number and amount of the award(s) will be determined by available funds and by the Judgment of the Awards Committee on the quality of the applications.

#### *Additional Requirements for Applications:*

- The student's personal statement must include some explanation about the applicant's status as a returning student with dependent children, academic experience, and career objectives.
- Since the amount of the award is limited to California resident tuition and fees, the student's application must also indicate his/her university residence classification. Awards to out-of-state or foreign residents will be based on the schedule of fees for California residents.

### The Ron Davis Award for U.S. Southern History

Origins of the Award: This award is named in honor of Professor Ronald Davis, a long-time supporter and facilitator of the CSUN history department's student research program in Natchez Mississippi, and is given by the generosity of his students.

Terms of the Award: This award is given to a student doing original research in Southern US history. The amount and number of awards will be determined by available funds and the judgment of the Committee on the quality of applications and nominations.

### Best Paper Competition

Terms of the Award: The Department gives awards for outstanding papers in two categories:

Best Paper written by an Undergraduate History major graduating in the present academic year (2021-2022) in a History course during her or his tenure at CSUN.

Best Paper by a Graduate Student in a Graduate Level (500 or above) History course. The paper need not have been written during the 2021-2022 academic year.

The amounts of the awards will be determined by available funds and by the judgment of the Awards Committee on the quality of the applications.

#### *Additional Requirements for Applicants:*

Students must upload an unmarked, complete, typed copy of their paper through the Student Application Form. The paper MUST be free of all evaluative comments or grades by the supervising faculty member. The body of the paper SHOULD NOT include the student's name. Instead, the paper SHOULD include a title page with the student's CSUN ID number, telephone number, and the name of

the faculty member who can authenticate the paper. The History Department will contact the faculty member to authenticate the paper.

If you are ONLY applying for the Best Paper Competition and no other Scholarship, please complete the "Recommender" questions in the Student Application Form as follows:

- Recommender #1: Name of faculty for whom you wrote the paper
- Recommender #2: type: "Best Paper Competition only"
- You do not need the name of a second recommender.

If you are applying for the Best Paper Competition IN ADDITION TO other Scholarships, please include two recommender names. In this scenario, the authenticator does not necessarily need to be named as a recommender. The authenticator's name will be available to us on the title page of your paper.

Since the amount of the award is limited to California resident tuition and fees, the student's application must also indicate his/her university residence classification. Awards to out-of-state or foreign residents will be based on the schedule of fees for California residents.

## AWARDS FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

### David Bullough Memorial Award

Origins of the Award: This award is named in honor of the son of the late Emeritus Professor Vern Bullough. His son, David, was killed in an accident in Israel in 1967.

Terms of the Award: The award is given to the History major in the undergraduate class of 2022 with the highest grade-point average.

There are no applications or nominations for this award. The recipient will be determined by the committee from a review of the university records. The amount of the award will be determined by available funds.

Since the amount of the award is limited to California resident tuition and fees, the student's application must also indicate his/her university residence classification. Awards to out-of-state or foreign residents will be based on the schedule of fees for California residents.

### The Christine and Albert Zoraster Fellowship

Origins of the Award: This award is presented through the generosity of the Zoraster family, longtime supporters of the University.

Terms of the Award: This Fellowship is given to an outstanding undergraduate History major. The student must be a junior or senior with at least 12 units completed at CSUN.

The Fellowship consists of a credit towards the student's CSUN California Resident tuition and fees. The amount and number of awards will be determined by available funds and the judgment of the Committee on the quality of nominations and applications.

Since the amount of the award is limited to California resident tuition and fees, the student's application must also indicate his/her university residence classification. Awards to out-of-state or foreign residents will be based on the schedule of fees for California residents.



### The Robert Bailey Memorial Award

Origins of the Award: This award is named in honor of the father of Terry Bailey, a History major who lost his father just as he was graduating from CSUN and preparing for Law School at UC Davis.

Terms of the Award: The award is given to an outstanding undergraduate upper division History major.

The award consists of a credit towards the student's CSUN California Resident tuition and fees. The amount and number of awards will be determined by available funds and the judgment of the Committee on the quality of nominations.

Since the amount of the award is limited to California resident tuition and fees, the student's application must also indicate his/her university residence classification. Awards to out-of-state or foreign residents will be based on the schedule of fees for California residents.

### The Zoltan Korda Prize

The Korda prize was endowed by Nicholas Korda in order to honor his father Zoltan Korda who was a renowned motion picture director and producer. It recognizes the achievements of outstanding history majors and assists them in continuing their education.

Terms of the Award: This prize is given to the upper division history major who has written the best paper, project, or portfolio in History 301: The Historian's Craft, the course that introduces upper division students to the search for and criticism of historical sources and the rewards and pitfalls of historical writing.

The paper, project, or portfolio must have been completed in a History 301 class in a fall, spring or summer semester before the semester in which the award is handed out.

The amounts of the awards will be determined by available funds and by the judgment of the Awards Committee on the quality of the applications.

#### *Additional Requirements for Applicants:*

Students must upload one of the following through the Student Application Form:

1. An unmarked, complete, typed copy of their paper,
2. A detailed description of the project or a link to access the project,
3. A portfolio of their papers in History 301 or a link to access the portfolio

As far as possible, the paper, project description, or materials in the portfolio, MUST be free of all evaluative comments or grades by the supervising faculty member. The body of the paper, project description, or portfolio SHOULD NOT include the student's name. Instead, the paper SHOULD include a title page with the student's CSUN ID number, telephone number, and the name of the faculty member who can authenticate the paper. The History Department will contact the faculty member to authenticate the paper.

If you are ONLY applying for the Korda Prize and no other Scholarship, please complete the "Recommender" questions in the Student Application Form as follows:

- Recommender #1: Name of faculty for whom you wrote the paper
- Recommender #2: type: "Zoltan Korda Prize only"

- You do not need the name of a second recommender.

If you are applying for the Zoltan Korda Prize IN ADDITION TO other Scholarships, please include two recommender names. In this scenario, the authenticator does not necessarily need to be named as a recommender. The authenticator's name will be available to us on the title page of your paper.

Since the amount of the award is limited to California resident tuition and fees, the student's application must also indicate his/her university residence classification. The amount of the award to out-of-state or foreign residents will be based on the schedule of fees for California residents.

## **AWARDS FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS: BRIEF DESCRIPTIONS**

### **The Rena Vassar Fellowship**

Origins of the Award: This award is named in honor of the late Professor Rena Vassar, who taught in the Department from 1965 until her death in 1990.

Terms of the Award: This Award is given to a classified graduate student who has great promise, has completed at least 12 units of graduate work at CSUN, and is not in the final semester of his/her graduate program.

It consists of a credit towards the student's CSUN California Resident tuition and fees. The amount and number of awards will be determined by available funds and the judgment of the Committee on the quality of nominations.

Since the amount of the award is limited to California resident tuition and fees, the student's application must also indicate his/her university residence classification. Awards to out-of-state or foreign residents will be based on the schedule of fees for California residents.

### **The Stelck Memorial Award**

Origins of the Award: This award is named in honor of the parents of the late Emeritus Professor Del Stelck, a founding member of the Department.

Terms of the Award: This Award is given to an outstanding graduate student in any of the Department's post-baccalaureate programs (M.A., 2nd B.A., credential).

The amount and number of awards will be determined by available funds and the judgment of the Committee on the quality of nominations.

Since the amount of the award is limited to California resident tuition and fees, the student's application must also indicate his/her university residence classification. Awards to out-of-state or foreign residents will be based on the schedule of fees for California residents.