

## Scholarships and Fellowships for the NEMA Annual Conference

November 7-9, 2018, Stamford, CT

Application Postmarked Deadline: September 21, 2018

### **NEMA Fellowship Award**

The NEMA Fellowship Award offers a museum professional or student the opportunity to work with NEMA in building thought leadership for our region's museum field. One NEMA Fellow will be chosen and awarded a stipend of \$750 toward attendance at the conference. The NEMA Fellow will contribute thought leadership by writing a minimum of three articles on museum-related themes for NEMA publications during the following year. The NEMA Fellow is expected to produce these materials based on their exploration of museum issues and/or experience at the NEMA Conference. The Fellow will be introduced to the NEMA Board and PAG Volunteers at a leadership breakfast and honored publicly at the NEMA Annual Meeting on November 9th.

In addition to the scholarship and registration forms the applicant will need to, on not more than one page, tell the selection committee how receiving the NEMA Fellowship (including participation at the NEMA annual conference) would enhance your academic or professional development, and the circumstances that prompted you to submit your application. Also include possible topics of interest to you that would contribute to NEMA's thought leadership in the field.

### **NEMA Professional Development Award**

A limited number of conference registrations are available to individual members of NEMA and employees of NEMA institutional members who need financial assistance. It is expected that recipients and/or their employer will provide some of the costs of attending the annual conference.

### **NEMA Diversity Scholarship**

Established to make the annual conference financially accessible for students and museum professionals from a historically marginalized group, inclusive of race, ethnicity, sexuality, and/or gender identity so that they can attend the conference. Scholarship includes a full three-day registration and \$100 stipend.

### **NEMA Board Diversity Scholarship**

The NEMA board has funded a scholarship to make the annual conference financially accessible for applicants from a historically marginalized group, inclusive of race, ethnicity, sexuality, and/or gender identity so that they can attend the conference. Scholarship includes a full three-day registration and three-nights stay in the conference hotel.

### **Native American Fellowship**

*Sponsored by the Mashantucket Pequot Museum and Research Center*

The Mashantucket Pequot Museum & Research Center will provide a \$500 stipend to a Native American museum professional or student (undergraduate or graduate) to support travel, lodging and registration associated with the NEMA annual conference. Priority is given to individuals with demonstrated interest in tribal museums and cultural centers.

### **Connecticut Humanities Scholarship for an Emerging Professional**

Connecticut Humanities will provide a \$500 scholarship opportunity for a Connecticut emerging museum professional with 0-5 years of experience in the museum field. Special consideration will be given to individuals from historically underrepresented communities.

### **Cynthia Robinson Scholarship**

This \$500 stipend is awarded to support travel, lodging and registration. Priority for this scholarship will be given to current students or recent graduates (within 5 years) of the Tufts Museum Studies Program. This scholarship has been provided with support from Cynthia Robinson.

### **University Products Curatorial Scholarship**

The Curators Professional Affinity Group, with support from University Products, provides a three-day conference registration for an individual member of NEMA and/or an employee of NEMA institutional members. Any curator who has worked in the field five years or less, and works for an institution with an annual budget of \$250,000 or less, is eligible for the award.

### **Laura B. Roberts Scholarship**

This \$500 stipend is awarded to support travel, lodging, and registration. Priority for this scholarship will be given to graduates of the Harvard Extension Museum Studies Program, Tufts Certificate, Bank Street Museum Leadership, and Cooperstown programs. This scholarship has been provided with support from Laura B. Roberts.

### **Diversity Fellowship**

*Sponsored by the John Nicholas Brown Center for Public Humanities and Cultural Heritage at Brown University*

The John Nicholas Brown Center for Public Humanities (JNBC) and Cultural Heritage at Brown University provides a \$500 fellowship to a NEMA member from a historically marginalized group, inclusive of race, ethnicity, sexuality, and/or gender identity. Members whose attendance at the conference will benefit their museum and whose commitment to museum work will be reinforced by their participation are encouraged to apply. Applicants must register for the entire conference.

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Please email ([conference@nemanet.org](mailto:conference@nemanet.org)) the following information. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

### **YOUR APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE:**

1. Completed conference scholarship application form.
2. A completed conference registration form (available late August). Please indicate any meals and events that you wish to attend but do not send any payment. In the event that your application is unsuccessful, you may still register at the early-bird rate at any time before conference. (DO NOT REGISTER USING THE ONLINE REGISTRATION SYSTEM.)
3. On not more than one page, tell the committee how participation at the NEMA annual conference would enhance your academic or professional development, and the circumstances that prompted you to submit your application, and for the JNBC and NEMA Diversity awards discuss how you represent diversity. For the Native American Fellowship please describe your Native American ancestry/heritage. For the NEMA Fellowship include possible topics of interest to you that would contribute to NEMA's thought leadership in the field.
4. Copy of curriculum vitae or resume. Applicants for the Laura B. Roberts and Cynthia Robinson Scholarship should highlight relevant college qualifications.

Please combine documents into a single document, if possible. Please include your name in the title on all emailed documents (eg. `resume_last_name.pdf`). If your version of Adobe does not support saving any part of the completed application forms, you may submit them by fax (781-641-0053) or mail (NEMA, 22 Mill Street, Suite 409, Arlington, MA 02476).

## 2018 NEMA Conference Scholarship Application Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Museum's Annual Budget: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are a full-time student (not in paid employment for more than 20 hours per week) please indicate your area of study and expected graduation date. \_\_\_\_\_

Check the scholarship you are primarily applying for. You will be considered for all that you are eligible for.

- NEMA Professional Development Award   
  NEMA Fellowship   
  NEMA Board Diversity Scholarship  
 NEMA Diversity Scholarship   
  CT Humanities Scholarship   
  Laura B. Roberts Scholarship  
 Native American Fellowship   
  Cynthia Robinson Scholarship   
  University Products Curatorial Scholarship  
 Diversity Fellowship (JNBC)

Have you ever been to a NEMA Conference before? No  Yes  If yes, how many and when? \_\_\_\_\_

<p><u>Estimated Expenses:</u></p> <p>Registration (Member \$315) (Student \$150)      \$ _____</p> <p><i>Estimated:</i></p> <p>Meals      \$ _____</p> <p>Transportation      \$ _____</p> <p>Lodging      \$ _____</p> <p><b>Total:</b>      \$ _____</p>	<p><u>Budget to Cover Expenses:</u></p> <p>Your contribution:      \$ _____</p> <p>NEMA individual membership* (\$50)      \$ _____                  (*if not a member or employee at a member museum)</p> <p>Your institution's contribution:      \$ _____</p> <p>Scholarship Amount requested:      \$ _____</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Total:</b>      \$ _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>(Should equal total of estimated expenses)</b></p>
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The conference hotel is \$159/night. The optional meals and events range from \$15 - \$65. Hotel, meals, and travel arrangements are the responsibility of the recipient, except as noted in scholarship descriptions.

As an award recipient, I agree to write an article, if asked, for submission to *New England Museums Now* or the NEMA website. I also agree that NEMA may use my name in announcing and promoting the award.

If for any reason I can't attend the conference, I will notify NEMA and return scholarship funds so that an alternate can be selected.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you included the following?

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