
AMIA Scholarship Program

AMIA administers the first scholarship program of its kind designed specifically for students wishing to pursue careers in moving image archiving. The program awards three annual scholarships - the Sony Pictures Scholarship, The Rick Chace Foundation Scholarship, and the Universal Studios Preservation Scholarship.

The Sony Pictures Scholarship is supported by Sony Pictures Entertainment. In 1998, it became the first financial award in our field to be endowed on a permanent basis.

The Rick Chace Foundation Scholarship (named in honor of Rick Chace) was established in 2002.

The Universal Studios Preservation Scholarship, supported by Universal Pictures, was established in 2003.

Scholarship Information

These scholarships - each in the amount of \$4,000 - are given as financial assistance to students of merit who intend to pursue careers in moving image archiving. The funds are sent directly to the recipients' educational institutions to help cover the costs of tuition or registration fees. In addition, each recipient will receive complimentary registration to the 2020 AMIA Annual Conference in El Paso, Texas (Nov 11-14).

Students from any country may apply. Applicants need only submit one application form and one set of supporting documents to be eligible for all three scholarships; however, no applicant will be awarded more than one scholarship.

Eligibility

To be eligible, a student must be

- enrolled FULL TIME in a graduate-level or other advanced program in moving image studies or production, library or information services, archival administration, museum studies or a related discipline; or must be accepted into such a program for the next academic year; and
- must have a grade point average of at least 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) in his/her most recent academic program. Students from any country may apply.

Important factors in the selection of the scholarship recipients include: a student's commitment to pursuing a career in moving image archiving; the quality of a student's academic record; and the strength of a student's program of study as it applies to moving image archiving.

Applications

All applications are submitted through the online form. Each application must include the following:

- A Scholarship application form (online submission). Resumes or curriculum vitae must be submitted to supplement the application form.
 - An official sealed transcript from the applicant's most recent academic program (including the institution's grading scale and/or GPA calculator) sent directly from the academic institution. Electronic submission preferred. If unable to submit electronically, contact Kristina Kersels (kkersels@amianet.org) for mailing instructions.
 - An essay of **no more than 1,000 words** describing the applicant's major field of study, interest in moving image archiving, relevant experience and/or education, and career goals.
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- Two letters of recommendation submitted separately. Do not submit more than two. Electronic submission preferred. If unable to submit electronically, contact Kristina Kersels (kkersels@amianet.org) for mailing instructions.

Please note that during this time of "Stay at Home" it is preferable that transcripts and recommendation letters be submitted electronically. If your institution or recommenders are unable to send electronically, please email Kristina Kersels at kkersels@amianet.org for a mailing address.

The AMIA Scholarship Program is funded by Sony Pictures Entertainment, The Rick Chace Foundation, and Universal Studios for the purpose of developing the next generation of archivists who will soon be entrusted with the care of our moving image heritage.