**Wanda Chin Professional Development Scholarship Application**

**Western Museums Association’s 2025 Annual Meeting**

October 1-4 in Reno, Nevada

***Application Deadline: Friday, June 20, 2025***

To submit an application, please submit a completed form to proposals@westmuse.org

with “Scholarship – Your Last Name" as the subject.

The **Wanda Chin Professional Development Scholarship Program** helps to make attendance at the Western Museums Association’s (WMA) Annual Meeting financially accessible to individuals who might otherwise not be able to attend. The Program supports travel and registration costs for WMA members who meet the below qualifications. *All* applicants must be current WMA Members.

We encourage applications from members of diverse communities and the selection process will be guided by our [Diversity & Inclusion Statement](https://westmuse.org/about#Diversity).

Funds are awarded in the following three categories: **(1)** Student (enrolled in a degree granting program); **(2)** Emerging Professional (in the museum field for 1-10 years); **(3)** Mid-career professional (in the museum field for 10-20 years). This is a competitive process, and awards are based on the value participation will bring to the individual.

**To assist as many qualified applicants as possible, scholarship awards are generally granted in partial amounts of the requested, as it is expected that the recipient or their institution will share some cost.**

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| **Applicant Information** |
| Name |  |
| Title/Position |  |
| Institution |  |
| Address |  |
| City/State/Zip |  |
| Telephone |  |
| Email Address |  |
| Have you been to a WMA Annual Meeting?  |  Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_\_ If yes, how many? \_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| Are you a current WMA member?\_\_\_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_\_\_No | How many years have you been a WMA member? \_\_\_\_\_\_ |

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| **Demographics and Life Experiences *(voluntary)*** |
| Gender |  |
| Race / Ethnicity |  |
| LGBTQIA+ |  |
| Other |  |

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| **Student Information** |
| School |  |
| Program Emphasis |  |
| Level of Study |  |
| Expected Graduation Date |  |

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| **Transportation** | Please provide your anticipated transportation costs | $ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |

**\*\*Scholarships are not intended to pay the full cost of the Annual Meeting attendance. Hotel and travel arrangements are solely the recipient’s responsibility.**

**Please attach one sheet answering the following *(please limit to one—two pages)*:**

1. How will participation in the WMA 2025 Annual Meeting enhance your academic studies and/or professional development? How will your department or institution benefit from your participation? Please provide specific examples.
2. WMA has formalized our efforts to be [more diverse and inclusive](https://westmuse.org/about#Diversity) in all our work. How will you, as a recipient of scholarship funds, contribute to the diverse and inclusive atmosphere of our Annual Meeting?

**Please attach the following when submitting this application form:**

1) Copy of curriculum vitae or resume

2) One letter of reference from a supervisor or advisor

**If accepted as an award recipient, I agree:**

- If for any reason I can't attend the meeting, I will notify WMA and return the award monies so an alternate awardee may be selected

- WMA may use my name and image in announcing and promoting the award program

- I will have my photograph taken with other scholarship recipients at WMA 2025

- I will write a blog post about my experiences and submit it to WMA by Friday, November 21, 2025, for the use in future publications and on the WMA website.

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Agreed (Signature) Date

Email completed application with attachments by **June 20, 2025,** to proposals@westmuse.org

**This is a competitive process and late submissions will not be accepted.**