**Wanda Chin Professional Development Scholarship Application**

**Western Museums Association’s 2020 Annual Meeting**

October 8-11 in Portland, Oregon

**Application Deadline: Friday, May 29, 2020**

The Wanda Chin Professional Development Scholarship Program helps to make attendance at the Western Museums Association’s Annual Meeting financially accessible to individuals who might otherwise not be able to attend. Funded through annual auctions and donations, 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 subscribe to EEO/Affirmative Action principles.

Funds are awarded in the following three categories: **(1)** Student (Must be a current WMA Member and enrolled in a degree granting program); **(2)** Emerging Professional (Must be a current WMA Member and have been in the museum field for 1-10 years); **(3)** Mid-career professional (Must be a current WMA Member and have been in the museum field for 10-20 years). This is a competitive process, and awards are based primarily on financial need. **In order to assist as many qualified applicants as possible, scholarship awards are generally partial amounts requested, as it is expected that the recipient or their institution will share some cost.**

**Submit application no later than Friday, May 29, 2020** to:proposals@westmuse.org. You will receive a confirmation upon receipt of your application, and you will be notified of the final award results no later than June 26, 2020.

**Category (check one):**

\_\_\_ Student (Current WMA Member and enrolled in a degree granting program)

\_\_\_ Emerging Professional (Current WMA Member and in the museum field for 1-10 years)

\_\_\_ Mid-career Professional (Current WMA Member and in the museum field for 10-20 years)

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| Name |  |
| Title/Position |  |
| Institution |  |
| Address |  |
| City/State/Zip |  |
| Work Telephone/ Fax |  |
| Home Telephone |  |
| Email Address |  |
| Have you been to a WMA Annual Meeting? \_\_\_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_\_\_No | How many? |
| Are you a current WMA member?\_\_\_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_\_\_No | How many years have you been a WMA member? |

**Students:**

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| School |  |
| Program Emphasis |  |
| Level of Study |  |
| Expected Graduation Date |  |

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

1. How will participation in the WMA Annual Meeting enhance your academic studies and/or professional development? How will your department or institution benefit from your participation?

2. Given that WMA award funds are limited and it is WMA’s desire to assist as many as possible, please tell us the circumstances that prompt you to submit your application for consideration.

3. Estimated expenses (please check the Preliminary Program and Annual Meeting web pages for registration and Annual Meeting hotel rates):

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| **Registration:** | Student: $ | Incoming/Mid-career: $ |
| **Transportation:** | $ |
| **Hotel\*\*:** | Total hotel:$ | Please indicate hotel nights (Mark with an X below) |
| Thur. 10/08/20 |  |
| Fri. 10/09/20 |  |
| Sat. 10/10/20 |  |
| Sun. 10/11/20 |  |

**\*\*Scholarships are not intended to pay full cost of Annual Meeting attendance. Scholarship recipients often room with others to save money; this will not be coordinated by WMA. Hotel and travel arrangements are solely the recipient’s responsibility.**

**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 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 the 2020 Annual Meeting

- I will write a blog post about my experiences and submit it to WMA by November 20, 2020, for the use in future publications and on the WMA website.

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Agreed (Signature) Date

Email completed application with attachments by **May 29, 2020** to: proposals@westmuse.org

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