

## The Archie P. McDonald Scholarship Award



The purpose of this scholarship is to honor a distinguished career of Dr. Archie P. McDonald by providing a financial award to worthy students who are history majors, with preference to those specializing in Texas history, especially East Texas history.

Dr. Archie P. McDonald, a child of the Depression, grew up in Beaumont, Texas, where he graduated from French High School. By his own admission he “married above his station” to wife Judy, a former mayor of Nacogdoches. He held a B.S. degree from Lamar State College of Technology (1958), a M.A. from Rice University (1960), and a Ph.D. in history from Louisiana State University (1965). Specialized in Civil War, Reconstruction, and Texas history.

Dr. McDonald dedicated his life to the study of history and the instruction of generations of students. For over 45 years he taught at Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches. In addition, he was an accomplished author, columnist, and radio commentator. He published or edited approximated 50 books and monographs, including *Make Me a Map of the Valley: The Journal of Jedediah Hotchkiss, 1862-1865*, which was listed as one of the “one hundred best books on the Civil War.” Dr. McDonald also wrote countless newspaper columns for the Nacogdoches Daily Sentinel and delivered weekly radio commentaries for the Red River Radio (NPR).

Dr. McDonald was active in state, regional, and local historical associations. He was past president of the Texas State Historical Association (1985-1986) and a distinguished fellow of that organization. He served as a past chair of the Texas Committee of the Humanities, the State Board of Review for the National Register, and the Old San Antonio Road Preservation Commission. Possessing a keen interest in East Texas history and preservation, he was named executive director of the East Texas Historical Association (1971-2008) and editor of its Journal for 37 years. On the local level Dr. McDonald served as past president of the Nacogdoches County Historical Survey Committee and editor of the Nacogdoches Sampler from 1988-1996. In 2008 Dr. McDonald served as the community liaison for Stephen F. Austin State University.

The scholarship is to be awarded annually from the earnings of the endowment, calculated from a total return performance. Total return performance is defined as interest, dividends, and realized/unrealized gains.

Recipient criteria is outlined on the attached application form. Members of the Scholarship Committee of the East Texas Historical Association shall select the recipients.

*A nomination form is attached.*

*All nominations must be submitted BEFORE June 15 of each year.*

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## Application Form

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### Recipient Criteria

- Major:** History
- Level:** Undergraduate and graduate students, attending full time as defined by the university. Exceptions can be made for last semester seniors who need fewer hours to complete requirements for graduation.
- Schools:** All universities and colleges located in East Texas, defined as those schools east of IH 35 and extending southeasterly from Dallas to Houston.
- GPA:** 3.0 overall and 3.2 in History
- Other:** Preference may be given to students in Texas history, especially East Texas history. Need may be considered, if all things are equal between candidates.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Institution \_\_\_\_\_

Major \_\_\_\_\_ Level \_\_\_\_\_ Area of Historical Interest \_\_\_\_\_

Current GPA \_\_\_\_\_ Expected Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_

Current History courses GPA \_\_\_\_\_

Home Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Campus Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Total College Hours \_\_\_\_\_ History Hours \_\_\_\_\_

Extracurricular Activities and Honors:

Please attach a 1-page letter of interest, which states your accomplishments and career goals, as well as a current transcript with the application. The scholarship will be awarded each fall at the East Texas Historical Association meeting.

Deadline: July 1

Name of Person Submitting Form: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Return to: Dr. Scott Sosebee, Director, before June 15 by email at [sosebeem@sfasu.edu](mailto:sosebeem@sfasu.edu), or by mail to:

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