**Becky and Charles Witsell Endowment for**

**Preservation Education and Training**

**Scholarship Description**

Preserve Arkansas is the only statewide nonprofit organization focused on building stronger communities by reconnecting Arkansans to our heritage and empowering people to save and rehabilitate historic places. By presenting educational programs, advocating for preservation legislation at the federal, state, and local level and assisting historic property owners with the means and expertise to preserve and restore their structures, Preserve Arkansas has been a statewide voice for communities for over 30 years. The Becky and Charles Witsell Endowment for Preservation Education and Training funds stipends of up to $400 on a competitive basis to provide education and training opportunities for members of Preserve Arkansas who contribute to preservation efforts around the state. Small grants will be given to individuals for the purpose of continuing education and training in the preservation crafts and professions. Applicants could pursue training and education opportunities in preservation architecture, historic decorative painting, high craftsmanship preservation carpentry or masonry, the means and methods of researching and documenting historic sites and buildings, technical aspects of restoration such as the conferences offered by the National Center for Preservation Technology and Training, the preparation of historic structure reports, or similar endeavors.

The Becky and Charles Witsell Scholarships for Preservation Education and Training will cover 50% of the recipient’s expenses to attend education or training programs (up to a total stipend or $400).

Applications are due February 20. Applicants will be notified of award by March 2.

Eligibility: Applicants should be members of the Preserve Arkansas living or working in Arkansas.

Criteria for awarding the Scholarship: Applications will be ranked as follows:

1. Application
2. Cover letter
3. Detailed budget

The cover letter should include the following: detailed information about the proposed training activity, including location, date, and why the applicant should receive the Scholarship to attend; a statement about how the training opportunity will help the applicant fulfill the mission of Preserve Arkansas and the applicant's professional goals.

After attending the training, recipients of the Scholarship for Preservation Education and Training should complete a Revenue Stipend form to be reimbursed for the award amount. Recipients may not submit an application for another award for a period of at least three years.

Application materials should be submitted to Amara Yancey at ayancey@preservearkansas.org or mailed to: P.O. Box 305 Little Rock, AR 72203-0305.

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**Scholarship Application**

For which scholarship are you applying: € Student Conference Travel

 € Professional Education

First Name Surname

Mailing Address

City ZIP Code

Student information:

University/College Major

Degree Anticipated Year of Graduation

Name of academic advisor

Professional information:

Employer

Specialty

I am a member of Preserve Arkansas

€ Landmark Partner € Capital Partner € Keystone Partner € Pillar Partner

€ Cornerstone Partner € Sustaining Member € Individual Member

To join or renew your membership, visit [PreserveArkansas.org](http://www.preservearkansas.org).

Signature Date

Submit application, cover letter and budget to Amara Yancey at ayancey@preservearkansas.org
or mail to P.O. Box 305 Little Rock, AR 72203-0305.