**The Becky and Charles Witsell Endowment for Preservation Education and Training Scholarship**

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 levels 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 since 1981. The Becky and Charles Witsell Endowment for Preservation Education and Training funds stipends on a competitive basis to provide education and training opportunities for members of Preserve Arkansas who contribute to preservation efforts around the state. Awards are generally $1,000.00 or less, but the final amount is determined by the Preserve Arkansas Education Committee on a case-by-case basis. Applicants may 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.

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis and funding is based on availability of funds.

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

Applications must include the following:

1. Application form
2. Cover letter
3. Detailed budget

The cover letter should include 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.

Applications are judged on the following criteria:

* Benefits to historic preservation in Arkansas
* Financial need
* Level of impact, i.e. to the applicants themselves, their place of work/educational institution, local community, region, or statewide.

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

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First Name Surname

Mailing Address

City ZIP Code

Phone\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ E-mail\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Student information (if relevant):

University/College Major

Degree Anticipated Year of Graduation

Name of academic advisor

Professional information (if relevant):

Employer

Specialty

I am a member of Preserve Arkansas:

 Landmark Partner  Capital Partner  Keystone Partner  Pillar Partner

 Cornerstone Partner  Sustaining Member  Individual Member  Student Member ($25 discount)

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 Preserve Arkansas, P.O. Box 305, Little Rock, AR 72203-0305.