Government Appointed Historians of Western New York (GAHWNY)
“Historians in pursuit of excellence – building a legacy!”
February 2020

GAHWNY STUDENT HISTORY AWARD of up to $1000
Award Application Form

Categories (choose one)
1) This award is available to a student (or students)* who has graduated from one of the community colleges listed below** with plans to continue their education and has been accepted at an accredited four-year school in western New York with history as a declared major. Students must submit proof of graduation from a community college, acceptance to a four-year school majoring in history, one academic reference, one personal reference and a brief essay.

2) This award is available to a student (or students)* from western New York who is currently attending or has been accepted to an accredited four year college with history as a declared major. The college must be located within one of the counties that GAHWNY serves.** Students must submit proof of current enrollment or acceptance to a four year college in western New York majoring in history, one academic reference, one personal reference and a brief essay.

3) This stipend award is available for a student (or students) internship with a local government historian in GAHWNY region.** The student must be currently enrolled in an accredited college in western New York. The stipend is not to exceed $250 per student per semester. The exact amount awarded to be determined based on the project and can be used to help offset student expenses such as transportation and supplies. Students must submit a full description of the proposed project and letters of approval from the college and the local government historian involved in order to be considered for review by the GAHWNY Executive Board. The stipend will be awarded upon final completion of the proposed project.

*The $1000 award will be divided among the number of approved applicants. Anyone serving on the current GAHWNY Executive Committee is ineligible, including spouses and children.

**Eligible Western New York Community Colleges: Erie Community College, Finger Lakes Community College, Genesee Community College, Jamestown Community College, Monroe Community College, and Niagara Community College.
Eligible counties: Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Orleans, Wyoming. Also includes Native American Reservations within western New York.

Deadline for application is August 31, 2020 (postmark accepted)
Funds will be awarded in September 2020.

See application form next page
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Please Print Clearly and Fill Out Completely!
Name: ____________________________________________________________________________________
Permanent Address: _________________________________________________________________________
Phone: __________________________ Email: ______________________________________________________

For category one only.
Community College attended: _____________________ years attended: __________
Degree obtained ________________

New York State 4-year school accepted to: __________________________________________________________
Date of semester starting: ______________________________

Contact information of academic reference:
Name: __________________________ Position/School __________________________
email __________________________ phone __________________________

Contact information of personal reference:
Name: __________________________ Years known __________________________
Email: __________________________ phone __________________________

Required documents: Check all that apply
_____ proof of graduation from community college (only for category 1 above)
_____ proof of acceptance letter to a 4-year school
_____ proof of history major (may be included on acceptance letter)
_____ one written and signed academic reference
_____ one written and signed personal reference
_____ brief essay (500 words or less) written by applicant describing future plans in the field of history

Return all documents by mail or email to:

GAHWNY Student History Award Chair
Amie Alden, Livingston County Historian
5 Murray Hill Drive, Mt. Morris, New York, 14510  historian@co.livingston.ny.us

DEADLINE August 31, 2020 (postmark accepted)