

CLAN MORRISON SOCIETY OF NORTH AMERICA (CMSNA) SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM DESCRIPTION AND APPLICATION PACKET

CMSNA offers a scholarship program for continuing education in any of multiple fields related to our shared Scottish heritage. The program description and all necessary information for application are included in this document. This document can be downloaded at our website – www.clanmorrison.net or by email request to malrox@valornet.com.

Completed applications (email is preferred) must be submitted to the following address:

CMSNA Scholarship Program
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General Instructions

The information and rules for the program are a part of this packet. This scholarship is available only for continuing education. Preference will be given to applicants with prior exposure to the proposed topic or activity. Examine the approved fields of study to determine if your proposed field fits into the general areas of interest to CMSNA.

Applications for any calendar year must be received no later than March 31st of that year. Scholarships will be awarded no later than June 1st of each year. They may be awarded earlier, particularly if the need for an early approval is present. The number of scholarships and the amount of each scholarship shall be determined each year by the Executive Board of CMSNA in consultation with the Scholarship Committee. CMSNA is not required to award scholarships if none are received that meet the requirements of the program.

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Thank you for your interest,

Malcolm Morrison
CMSNA Scholarship Committee Chairman

CLAN MORRISON SOCIETY OF NORTH AMERICA (CMSNA) SCHOLARSHIP GRANT PROGRAM INFORMATION AND RULES

The Clan Morrison Society of North America (CMSNA) offers scholarships for continuing education in fields of interest to our Scottish heritage. Applications for these scholarships must be received by the society no later than March 31st of each calendar year. Scholarship awards will be announced no later than, but perhaps earlier than, June 1st of each year. The number of scholarships and the amounts offered will be determined each year by the society. The society is not required to award scholarships if none are received that meet the requirements of the program.

Program Intent

It is the intention of the society that the awarding of these scholarships shall help to preserve the unique traditions, memories, and skills associated with historical Scotland. As the descendents of Scottish Clans and families, it is our hope that each new generation will keep our shared heritage alive and pass it on in turn to the next generation.

Fields of Study that Are Applicable to the Program

Fields of study that are acceptable to the scholarship program are broadly any field of study that can help to preserve the unique traditions, memories, and skills associated with historical Scotland. The society will consider any and all fields of study, but will approve them only if their primary objective is clearly to promote and/or preserve Scottish heritage. Such fields of study include but are not limited to performing arts (piping, drumming, playing on musical instruments of traditional Scottish music, the singing of Scottish songs, Scottish dancing), weaving, kilt making, Scottish athletics, Scottish cooking, woodworking, smithing, the fabrication of traditional Scottish attire and weapons, history, genetics (DNA studies), genealogy of Scots, Scottish archeology, etc.

Scholarship Committee

The Chairman of the Society shall as necessary designate members of the society to serve on the Scholarship Committee. The committee shall administer the scholarship program in its entirety, serve as the contact point for the program, and recommend any proposed changes in the program to the society board. The Board of the Society shall award all scholarships based upon the recommendations from the Scholarship Committee.

Eligibility and Requirements for the Scholarship Program

Scholarships are open to all applicants of any age on a strictly non-discriminatory basis. Membership in the CMSNA is not required, nor is having a Scottish surname or heritage. The number of scholarships and the amounts awarded each year are based upon the available funds for the particular year.

Applicant Requirements

To apply successfully for these scholarships a prospective applicant must meet the following requirements (electronic applications are both acceptable and preferred):

1. Have a desire to steadily progress in competence in the field of study.
2. Have a field of study that meets the general requirements for such fields as set forth elsewhere in this document.
3. Submit the application attached (note the signature requirement for applicants under 18) and submit a letter from their proposed instructor that documents the applicant's experience, proficiency, commitment, proposed coursework or study activity, and any family relationship that may exist with that instructor. Other information may be included as desired.
4. Submit a clear plan for the use of the scholarship funds and the goals of the applicant with respect to the proposed study. This plan must be specific. The goals must be specific and not, for instance, "learn to play the pipes better". The total costs of the proposed course of instruction must be included and must equal or exceed the grant amount.
5. Note that preference will be given to those with prior exposure to the proposed field of study or activity.

Instructor/Provider Requirements

The instruction provided to the applicants must be provided by a recognized person, school, or institute or by a person with an appropriate level of expertise. The Scholarship Committee may request documentation to this effect. If so requested, providing an appropriate web site is sufficient. International organizations and providers are acceptable, but note the currency conversion responsibility immediately below.

Scholarship Payments

All scholarship awards shall be paid directly to the organization or individual providing the instruction. No payments shall be made directly to the applicant. All payments shall be in US dollars by check or electronic funds transfer. Currency conversion, if necessary, is the responsibility of the payee.

Completion of Studies

Non-completion of the proposed studies by the grant recipient by reason of any failure on the part of the recipient or the instruction provider, acts of God excluded, shall require the refund to CMSNA by the providing organization or individual of the grant amount. Notification to CMSNA of completion of studies may be requested by CMSNA at the society's discretion.

Group Applications

Applications by groups such as bands, families, etc. will be accepted but preference will be given to individuals first, then small groups, then large groups. No funds will be awarded to any applicant for performances, competitions, etc. nor for lodging and/or meals and travel unless included in the cost of the course.

**CLAN MORRISON SOCIETY OF NORTH AMERICA (CMSNA)
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATION**

Please print all information clearly

Applicant's Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Evening or cell Phone #: _____

Email: _____

I am 18 or older (Yes/No) _____ If under 18, parent or guardian must also sign below.

Field of Study (Provide a brief description of the proposed field of study for your work and the costs for that study):

I have read and understand the CMSNA Scholarship Program Information and Rules accompanying this application and also available online at www.clanmorrison.net and agree to be bound by those rules concerning this scholarship program. I understand that the Scholarship Committee may require additional information. I understand that providing false, incomplete, or misleading information will disqualify me for any award. I understand that any scholarship funds will be paid to the instructing individual or organization, not to me. I understand that if I fail to complete the proposed course of study for any reason other than acts of God that the scholarship money must be repaid to CMSNA. I understand that I may be required to provide progress reports and documentation of completion. I shall direct all questions and requests for status updates to the Chairman of the Scholarship Committee as noted in the program rules and regulations.

Applicant Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent or Guardian: _____ **Date:** _____
(if under 18)