

MISSOURI TAXIDERMIST ASSOCIATION
Lee Smith Scholarship Guidelines

The Missouri Taxidermist Association will be awarding **three** \$500 scholarships (if MTA funds are available) to attend a taxidermy class (*reproduction classes are eligible*) given by an MTA Master Taxidermist.

SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY:

1. Applicant must be an MTA member for three consecutive years or more.
2. MTA Master Taxidermists are eligible for the scholarship providing they do not take their class in a category they are already a master in. (They are encouraged to teach these courses.)

SCHOLARSHIP PROCEDURE:

1. MTA member completes MTA Scholarship Application found online.
2. MTA member mails the completed application to the Scholarship Committee Chairperson to be received by the specified date of July 15th. (Any late applications will be denied)
3. The Scholarship committee will draw names at the convention to determine the recipients. All applications that are unsuccessful will have their name put in the drawing twice the following year should they re-apply. If unsuccessful again, they will have their name in 3 times the third year, and so on...
4. Committee Chairperson will notify the recipient(s) being awarded the scholarship by letter if they aren't in attendance at the banquet when the scholarships are awarded.
5. Class must be completed within one (1) year of receiving scholarship.
6. Recipient and teacher will show proof of completing the class by keeping a log.
7. MTA will pay the teacher when written proof is received of the class being completed.

COMMITTEE MEMBER REQUIREMENTS:

1. Scholarship committee members shall be elected every two years (the odd-numbered years). At the end of the two-year term, two members will go off the committee and one person will remain on the committee.
2. The committee will consist of three MTA members who have been a MTA member for at least five consecutive years
3. The committee will consist of three members from **three different parts of the state**. (A member cannot be from the same town as another member)
4. Current scholarship committee members are not eligible for a scholarship

TEACHER QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Must be a MTA member for three consecutive years or more
2. Must be a current MTA member and listed on the MTA Master Taxidermist membership roster

REQUIREMENTS TO APPLY FOR A SECOND (OR MORE) SCHOLARSHIP:

1. MTA member must wait two full years after receiving a scholarship to apply for another scholarship

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MTA Lee Smith SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ Zip Code: _____

Numbers of years as MTA member: _____ Number of consecutive years applying for a scholarship _____

Area of Study Requested (Please circle only one):

FISH DEER MAMMAL TURKEY BIRDS GAME HEADS REPRODUCTION REPTILE

Master Taxidermist Teacher requested: 1st choice: _____

2nd choice: _____

3rd choice: _____

Applicant's Signature: _____ Mail to: Bill Zimmerman

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