

Michigan Artist Blacksmith Association Scholarship Guidelines

I. The MABA \$1000 General Scholarship and the MABA \$300 Tillers International Scholarship will be awarded through a random drawing once a year during MABA's December Business Meeting – one drawing for each scholarship, with the \$1000 General Scholarship to be drawn first. The scholarship monies are to be used for class tuition, and room & board at the facility if offered in a package. If the class cost less than the scholarship amount, the scholarship will pay up to the cost of the class. Once the scholarship applicant decides on a school, instructor, class and date, the MABA Treasurer is to be notified of the cost of the class and a check will be sent to the school or instructor.

II. An applicant can only be awarded one scholarship per year. If an applicant applies for both MABA scholarships and wins the scholarship that was drawn first, they will be ineligible for the second scholarship drawing.

III. Qualifying applicants will be based on a MABA Officer receiving a completed application by October 1st.

IV. Scholarship reminders will be published in the MABA newsletter, The Upsetter and a Scholarship Application and these Guidelines will be posted on the MABA website. MABA Officers will be responsible for making changes to these guidelines as may seem appropriate – with changes being approved by a majority vote of the Officers.

V. The number and amounts of the scholarships are fixed. Changes can be made by a vote of the MABA Membership attending the December Business Meeting.

VI. Eligibility: Only MABA Members in good standing* may receive the scholarships.

VII. Applications must be received 60 days before the date of awards. The MABA Officers must confer at least 2 weeks before the date of awards, to review the applications, approve eligible expenses and decide if further information is needed.

VIII. Obligations of MABA scholarship recipients: Scholarship money must be spent for the activity or program for which it is granted unless changes are specifically approved by the MABA Officers. Each Scholarship recipient will submit a written article describing a project or technique learned at the Scholarship event with notes, drawings, photos, etc. to the MABA Newsletter for the rest of the membership to learn from. Within one year, the recipient must demonstrate what was learned as a result of the scholarship at a MABA meeting.

And the recipient must donate a forged piece of work (preferably incorporating something that was learned as a result of receiving the scholarship) to the MABA Auction at the December meeting.

IX. MABA Officers will prepare an application form and make it available to any member who requests it. In addition, the form will be posted on the MABA website.

* A "member in good standing" means their membership is current and they've been a member for at least 1 year.