

ANA OFFERS FINANCIAL AID TO ADULTS ATTENDING SUMMER SEMINAR

For the first time, the American Numismatic Association (ANA) is offering financial assistance to adult students wishing to attend its Annual Summer Seminar in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

"The ANA School of Numismatics Scholarship Fund was established with the help of a generous bequest from the estate of Marcella Sheldon," says ANA Education Director Gail Baker. "Mrs. Sheldon was the widow of M. Vernon Sheldon, the first recipient of the ANA's Farran Zerbe Memorial Award for Distinguished Service and enshrinee in the Numismatic Hall of Fame. With her donation, we are able to annually award partial scholarships to adult numismatic scholars who would otherwise be unable to attend the seminar."

The cost of tuition, meals and dormitory accommodations at Colorado College, where the Summer Seminar is held, is \$510. The ANA Summer Seminar 2001 (June 30 to July 13) will offer 32 courses, including 12 new classes, split between two, one-week sessions. Classes in each session will cover every topic from ancient coins to designing Internet web pages.

In addition to the courses, evening bull sessions and tours, the ANA Summer Seminar 2001 will offer six, hands-on, mini-seminars that will be taught in two or three, evening-long sessions. These classes will afford students the opportunity to study more than one area of interest or survey a previously unexplored topic.

"The ANA already offers between 15 and 25 scholarships to young numismatists (age 13-22), and it will continue to do so," Baker says. "However, with the interest earned from the Sheldon endowment, along with other donations, the ANA now will be able to offer financial assistance to our adult members on an annual basis."

To help qualify applicants, the ANA is enlisting the help of its member clubs. Those applying for scholarships must complete a questionnaire, which requests information about club membership; types of exhibits produced and awards received; subjects of numismatic presentations and articles; and why they want to attend the Summer Seminar. An ANA-member club officer must complete a statement regarding the character and contributions of the applicant.

All applications for financial aid are kept confidential and will be considered on an individual basis.

"The deadline for receipt of scholarship applications is February 15, 2001," Baker says. "We expect demand to be high for classes at the ANA Summer Seminar 2001, so we are encouraging early registration. Seminar students can attend one class from either session, or stay both weeks and select one class per session."

ANA School of Numismatics Scholarship applications are available from the ANA Education Department.

The American Numismatic Association is a congressionally chartered nonprofit educational organization dedicated to encouraging people to study and collect money and related items. The ANA helps its 28,000 members and the public discover and explore the world of money through its vast array of education and outreach programs, as well as its museum, library, publications, conventions and seminars. For more information, call 719-632-2646 or go to www.money.org.