

Summer seminar scholarships available for talented Young Numismatists

Young Numismatists have the opportunity to earn full and partial scholarships for the American Numismatic Association's highly acclaimed 2012 Summer Seminar in Colorado Springs.

The two one-week sessions are scheduled from June 23-29 and June 30-July 6. Applications from ANA members between the ages of 13-22 are due by Jan. 31. Last year, there were 38 full scholarships and eight partial scholarships awarded. Partial scholarships cover the cost of tuition while the full scholarships cover tuition, lodging and meals for one week, and the cost of airfare to travel to and from Colorado Springs.

"Through the generosity of members and funds raised by the YNs themselves, the ANA awards as many as 40 merit-based scholarships annually," said Susan McMillan, ANA's education project manager. "Academic achievement is essential to a life of opportunity, and we encourage Young Numismatists to apply for the program."

Scholarships are awarded on a merit basis. Successful applicants will need to demonstrate their involvement, leadership and accomplishments in numismatics, as well as a desire to learn more about the hobby. Recommendations from other numismatists are also required.

Previous scholarship recipients are eligible to apply for 2012 scholarships; the selection committee will place particular emphasis on how their previous education at Summer Seminar helped to further their accomplishments and interest in numismatics.

Summer Seminar features a lineup of classes to meet virtually every collector's needs, including ancients, paper money, counterfeit detection, grading, the Civil War, digital photography, Colonial numismatics, hobo nickels, medals, tokens and more. Students learn from the hobby's most prominent scholars, rising young stars and successful business leaders. Last year, 426 students and instructors ranging in age from 13 to 87 attended Summer Seminar.

Scholarship recipients will attend one week-long class of their choice, will be lodged in a Colorado College dormitory with counselor supervision, and participate in seminar programs and events.

Summer Seminar marks its 44th year in 2012. The ANA has awarded YN scholarships yearly since 1973.

<u>YN scholarship applications</u> are available at <u>www.money.org</u> (select "Summer Seminar" from the "Numismatic Events" drop-down menu) or by contacting the ANA education department at 719-482-9850 or by e-mail at <u>McMillan@money.org</u>.

Scholarships will be awarded in March, and preference will be given to applicants who demonstrate dedication to the hobby.

The American Numismatic Association is a nonprofit organization dedicated to educating and 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 programs

including its education and outreach programs, museum, library, publications, conventions and seminars. For more information, call 719-632-2646 or go to <u>www.money.org.</u>