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## **College Scholarship Opportunity for Young ANA Collectors**

*Applications accepted through March 13*

Applications for the [Gerome Walton Memorial College Scholarship](#) provided by the American Numismatic Association (ANA) are being accepted through **March 13**. The scholarship fund was established in 2014 to provide a graduating high school senior who is also a member of the ANA with \$1,000 to use at the post-secondary school of the student's choice. Scholarship winners will be chosen based on numismatic merit.

Up to two scholarships may be awarded annually. Students with a full class schedule, who maintain a B average throughout their higher education, can receive the \$1,000 scholarships for up to four years.

"As an educational organization, the ANA is proud to present this scholarship opportunity to students," said ANA eLearning and Education Programs Manager Paula Knepper. "We hope this scholarship will encourage students to continue their study and involvement in numismatics and help them in their educational journey."

Besides holding membership in the ANA, applicants must be a graduating high school senior with a cumulative grade-point average of at least a 3.0. The winning students may use the scholarship at any two- or four-year college, university, or trade school within the United States.

Two letters of reference must be sent on the applicant's behalf. The authors of the references may not be family members. Reference letters must be submitted by the person writing the reference, not the scholarship applicant, and **must be received at the ANA by March 13**.

The first scholarship was graciously underwritten by Brain Fanton, ANA education and young numismatist committee chair and former ANA governor, and Walter Ostromecki Jr., former ANA governor and past president. Funds for future scholarships will be raised through donations.

Applications must be postmarked by March 13, 2026. Completed applications and references should be sent to:

ANA College Scholarship Committee  
c/o Paula Knepper  
818 N. Cascade Avenue  
Colorado Springs, CO 80903

For additional information, contact Paula Knepper via email at [pknepper@money.org](mailto:pknepper@money.org) or call 719-482-9852.

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