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ABANA EDUCATION GRANTS PROGRAM

Since its founding in 1973, ABANA has been committed to the education of its members. The purpose of the ABANA Scholarship Fund is to provide financial assistance to ABANA members at all skill levels to assist them the development of their blacksmithing skills and abilities.

General:

Education grants are available to all ABANA members and affiliates provided they have been in good standing for at least six month prior to the date on the grant application. Each year, subject to the availability of funds, ABANA will award not more than $6,000.00 in grants.

Recipients of previous ABANA Grants are not eligible to submit another application for two years after the completion of the event and submission of articles to either The Anvil's Ring or Hammer's Blow and submission to the Grant Committee

ABANA Grant Committee, hereinafter referred to as the committee, may provide funds for support of an ABANA Affiliate educational event. The maximum amount of funding for this grant is $500.00.

ABANA Grant Committee may provide financial assistance to ABANA members at all skill levels to assist them the development of their blacksmithing skills and abilities. There are three categories of grants for members (See below). The maximum amount of funding for this grant is $1,500.00.

Deadlines:

To be considered for a grant a complete application must be received by the ABANA Central Office on or before January 1st, April 1st, July 1st or Oct 1st.

Applicant may, as they desire, submit the application via email.

The committee will make a decision and notify the applicant on or before the first on the next calendar month after receipt of application.

The Committee reserves the right to reject all applications that in the committee's opinion are not complete and/or have not provided the requested information.

Affiliate Criteria

Criteria for Selection & Funding In reviewing applications, the committee will consider but not be limited to reviewing the following items:

a. Information concerning the educational event you want to schedule.

b. How much money do you need ABANA to contribute? (remember a maximum of $500.00 is available)

c. How will the affiliate disseminate the information from the event to the affiliate membership and the blacksmithing community by publication of articles covering the event in the affiliate newsletter and submission of such articles to ABANA publications and the Committee.

Obligations of Recipient Affiliate:

As a condition of receiving an ABANA Grant, the affiliate is required to share the learning from this event as outlined in the third point, (see c. above), listed in Section 1.

The use or disposition of any demonstration pieces resulting from the event is the responsibility of the affiliate and the visiting artist.

The event is to be open to any person with an interest in blacksmithing regardless of ABANA affiliate membership or ABANA membership status.

Member Criteria

Applicants should clearly state in the application:

A. How much they need to further their educational goal.

B. How they are planning to achieve their educational goal.

C. How they are planning to give back to the blacksmith community. (See "Individual Member Grant Recipient Obligations" infra for ideas)

Applications must include at least one letter of reference from the applicant's mentor or affiliate President.

Types & Amounts of Grants

The ABANA Grant categories are:

• Individual Grant A: Affiliate Grant matching funds, $200.00. Members using an ABANA Affiliate's scholarship funds can match those funds up to $200.00
• Individual Grant A: Affiliate Grant matching funds, maximum of $200.00. Members who receive a scholarship from an ABANA Affiliate can have those funds matched up to a maximum of $200.00.

• Individual Grant B: Funds for individual study, maximum of $500.00.

•Individual Grant C: Extended Study of three weeks or longer. Level of support to be determined by the circumstances of the proposed course of study, up to a maximum of $1,500.00.

NOTE: Review of Category C applications will be extensive and can take up to two months.

Any monies received by an individual may be subject to taxes as added income as determined by applicable Federal and State law.

Individual Member Grant Recipient Obligations

As a condition of receiving an ABANA Grant, ALL Grant recipients are required to share results of their learning with ABANA members and/or ABANA Affiliates. The recipient will fulfill this responsibility through at least one of the following forms of presentation:

a) A public demonstration or workshop.

b) The submission of an article to both an Affiliate newsletter and an ABANA publication.

c) A public exhibit of works completed during or after the course.

d) A lecture demonstrating the results of the course of study.
e) An article published in a Non-ABANA publication.

This requirement must be fulfilled within 6 months after the course of study. Additionally, the recipient must submit a short statement to the Grant Chair describing their study experience to the Grant Chair to be included in some form in The Anvil's Ring. This requirement is waived if an article is submitted to The Anvil’s Ring.

Affiliate Grant Guidelines and Instructions

Along with the ABANA Affiliate Loans & Grants Program Application Form, applicants must include:

 Resume of the visiting artist, including training, images of recent works and educational experience at workshops and conferences.

 A description of the event, including date, time, location and program.

Plan for sharing the results of the event with the affiliate membership and the blacksmith community at large.

Recipients of previous ABANA Affiliate Grants are not eligible to submit another application for two years after the completion of the event and submission of articles to either The Anvil’s Ring or Hammer’s Blow and submission to the Grant Committee.

Partial or improperly completed applications will be rejected without review.

Rejected applications will be considered no sooner than the next application deadline. Be sure your application is in order, as there will be no exceptions to this requirement.

Application materials will not be returned unless return postage is included with the application.

Applications should be sent to: The ABANA Grants Committee Artist-Blacksmith's Association of North America, Inc. 259 Muddy Fork Road Jonesborough, TN 37659 or application may be emailed to: centraloffice@abana.org

Individual Member Guidelines & Instructions

Be sure to read and understand the rules for application. Partial or improperly completed applications will be rejected without review. Revised applications will be considered no sooner than the next application deadline. Along with the Grant Application Form, applicants must include the following:

• At least one letter of reference from the applicants mentor or affiliate President. Letters must be dated no more than three months in advance of the application date.

• Support materials describing the program for which the grant will be used: School brochure or catalog, curriculum outline, instructor resume, etc.

• List of all current blacksmith group affiliations.

In addition to the above criteria, Category C applicants must submit detailed documentation, including a plan of study, anticipated results, application of these skills in furthering their career, and letters or reference from all master smiths with whom the applicant wishes to study.

All ABANA Grants are related to the membership and intended to benefit membership education.

ABANA will not favor applications requesting funding for personal development outside a course of study unless that study results in information made available and judged to be of value to the membership.

Application materials will not be returned to the applicant unless a self addressed, postage paid envelope has been included with the application.

ABANA Affiliate Grants Application Form

Please print or type all application materials clearly. This form may be completed in electronic form, but must be submitted as hard copy.

A) Affiliate

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Individual Contact Name

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Address

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City, State & Country if other than U.S.

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Zip + 4 (or Postal Code) _____

Contact Info—Day, Night and Fax Telephone Number(s) / E-mail address:

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B) Have you applied for an ABANA Loan or Grant before? • Yes☐ No ☐
Date:_____

C) 501(C)(3) number (if applicable):_____
Number of current affiliate member_____

D) Describe the event or program.

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(attach further information as necessary)

E) Define your affiliate's objectives in undertaking this event, e.g. how will it allow your members to enhance their blacksmithing techniques, improve your design capabilities and further the education of the blacksmithing community?

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(attach further information as necessary)

F) Application Checklist:

Demonstrator Resume ☐ Support Materials ☐

Affiliate President's signature _____ Date _____

Grant Applicant Signature (if different from Affiliate President) _____ Date _____

The signature of the Affiliate President indicates the acceptance of the above described conditions of the grant application.

ABANA Individual Grant Application Form for Grant Categories A, B & C

Please print or type all application materials clearly. This form may be completed in electronic form, but
must be submitted as hard copy.

A) Name:

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Address:

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City, State & Country if other than U.S:

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Zip + 4 (or Postal Code): _____

Contact Info—Day, Night and Fax Telephone Number(s) / E-mail address:

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Age: _____

B) Have you applied to ABANA for a Grant before? ☐ No ☐ Yes Date of completion of the course and presentation to the blacksmithing community:

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C) For which Scholarship category are you applying? (See Section #2

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D) Describe the study program for which you seek grant monies, including the name of the school and/or course or internship opportunity.

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(attach further information as necessary)

E) Define your objectives in undertaking this study, e.g. how will it allow you to enhance your blacksmithing techniques, improve your design capabilities and further the education of the
blacksmithing community?

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F) Please list reason(s) for seeking financial assistance, e.g. to supplement loss of income due to time away from work, to assist with tuition, etc.?

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G) Which of the following presentations will you provide? Please mark all that will apply. At leastone below-listed presentation and a written report to ABANA are required:

TO ABANA OR LOCAL AFFILIATE
□demonstration□ workshop □ lecture □ newsletter article □ written report
□ Other (please describe):

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TO THE PUBLIC COMMUNITY
□exhibit in a public gallery □ publish an article in a Non-ABANA publication □ public lecture
□ Other (please describe:

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H) Application Checklist (See Section #5):
□ Resume
□ 3 Letters of reference
□ 3 Images
□ Program Description Support Materials
□ Current Blacksmith Affiliations

I) Applicant Signature Date

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The signature of the applicant indicates the acceptance of the above described conditions of the Grant application.

Mail all applications to:
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