

ARKANSAS HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

Scholarships 2027



The Arkansas Historical Association is pleased to announce its 86th annual conference. History enthusiasts, students, teachers, and scholars will gather April 1-3, 2027 in Russellville for wide-ranging discussions around the theme “Arkansas Food and Foodways.” In addition to a robust slate of presentations, the conference will feature tours, guest speakers, and a banquet held in honor of the 2027 AHA award recipients.

Dr. C. Calvin Smith Scholarship

The Dr. C. Calvin Smith Scholarship supports a college student inspired to follow in his footsteps. Dr. Smith (1943-2009) contributed to Arkansas history as a scholar, teacher, administrator, and mentor for more than thirty years. A son of the Delta, he was among the first generation of African Americans to earn a doctorate at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, and among the first Black faculty members at Arkansas State University, where he spent his career, retiring in 2002 at the rank of distinguished professor. He helped establish A-State’s Heritage Studies Program while publishing pioneering scholarship of his own in Arkansas and African American history, including *War and Wartime Changes: Arkansas, 1940-1945* (1986) and *Educating the Masses: The Unfolding History of Black School Administrators in Arkansas, 1900-2000* (2003).

The scholarship will include a two-year membership in the AHA as well as a grant of up to **\$500** to fund attendance at the Association’s annual conference and defray research and material expenses should the applicant present a paper there. Applicants may self-nominate or be nominated by another person. Applications shall include a brief biography, a current plan of study, and a statement describing how the applicant hopes to build on Dr. Smith’s legacy. It is the Association’s intent through this scholarship to build a membership that better reflects Arkansas in all of its wonderful variety. Entries may be emailed or mailed.

Scholarship: \$500

Deadline: March 1, 2027

Information on this and other awards can be found at www.arkansashistoricalassociation.org.
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