



Columbia Weavers and Spinners' Guild Service Appreciation Award

Background

Amy Preckshot was inspired to create this award by the pleasure that she and her late husband, George Preckshot, derived from participating in various local, state and national fiber conferences. By endowing this scholarship, she hopes to recognize the incredible contributions that Columbia Weavers and Spinners' Guild members have made as officers and board members, as well as to inspire new members to become involved in guild projects and activities.

It is Amy's hope that the Columbia Weavers and Spinners' Guild remains a vital organization and that other creative persons can find a "second home" in the guild as she did.

Purpose

The purpose of this award is to encourage participation in guild initiatives and governance by recognizing extraordinary service by guild officers or board members.

Award

The fund will award up to \$1,000 annually to an individual for participation in a skill-building opportunity, whether that be a conference, workshop or fiber school. The award can be used to offset expenses (conference fees, tuition, lodging, meals and/or travel) for attending a recognized weaving/fiber art school or conference such as HGA Convergence, Midwest Weavers Conference, Penland and Vävstuga Weaving School. Awards must be used within two years from the date awarded.

One award will be given per year. The award will be announced annually at the March meeting of the Columbia Weavers and Spinners' Guild.

To nominate a guild member or apply for this award, please see the information and nomination form on the CWSG website, cwsgcomo.org. The information and nomination form is also available from members of the Educational Scholarship Fund Review Committee, in the guild library and from the hospitality team at monthly guild meetings.

Award Criteria

The award recipient will be selected from personal applications and nominations made by guild members. Individuals may submit their own names. Members of the Educational Scholarship Fund Review Committee are not eligible for the award while serving on said committee.

Criteria for selection include:

- Years of active membership in Columbia Weavers and Spinners' Guild
- Leadership positions held

- Participation in volunteer activities such as school demonstrations, community outreach and assistance with the guild's Youth Fiber Arts Exhibit or Holiday Exhibition and Sale.

Nominees/applicants will be asked to submit a completed nomination form.

If the committee receives no nominations by the January deadline, the Educational Scholarship Fund Review Committee will solicit additional nominations through established guild channels.

If for some reason, the recipient cannot use the scholarship within two years, the recipient will notify the Educational Scholarship Fund Review Committee.

Administration

This award will be administered by the CWSG Educational Scholarship Fund Review Committee. Changes to the administration of this award will require input from the Educational Scholarship Fund Review Committee and the Guild Executive Committee.

The guild treasurer will keep financial records of Service Appreciation Award funds separate from the combined holdings of the guild. Funds will be held in an interest-bearing account. Funds awarded to recipients will be disbursed as expenses are incurred.

This fund welcomes additional donations from other individuals or entities.

Application/nomination period will be Dec. 1 to Jan. 31. The committee will advertise the availability of the award and the deadline for applications in the November, December and January issues of The Tie-Up.

The committee will select the winner, write an award notification letter and forward it to the guild president at least one week prior to the March meeting. This award notification will include a summary of why the applicant was chosen. This will be read at the presentation of the award.

The committee will also prepare a framed certificate to be presented to the winner.

CWSG greatly appreciates the thoughtfulness and generosity of Amy Preckshot for endowing this scholarship, established in July 2016.