

220- Alexander Scholarship Fund (ASF)

HISTORY

The Alexander Scholarship Fund otherwise known as ASF was named after the founder of the Y's Men's movement, Judge Paul William Alexander.

The ASF started in 1954, at Y's Men's International Convention in Lansing, Michigan. Money was collected to have a famous painter do a portrait of Judge Paul. He felt it a waste but agreed to a renowned photographer at less money. Left over monies in the amount of \$905.46 started this program of Y's Men International. Since that time, over 500 persons have received grants enabling them to prepare for service to the Y.

Since 1974, when the international structure of the Y's Men International was revised, the administration of the ASF shifted to the areas. This meant that each Area is expected to raise its own funds to meet the various requests from candidates who satisfy the conditions established by the Area.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the ASF is to promote the training of staff of the YMCA and/or those seeking to become members of staff of the YMCA.

WHO BENEFITS FROM ASF?

Students who are YMCA oriented and need financial help to continue their studies.

Persons already with a YMCA staff who need a grant to increase their training and proficiency.

YMCA's which seek trained staff.

YMCA members who are better served by professionally trained leadership.

WHO CAN APPLY?

Anyone who:

Is a high school graduate or better.

Has a good average

Agrees to complete the program in which enrolled.

Has a history of YMCA participation.

HOW DOES A PERSON APPLY FOR A SCHOLARSHIP FROM ASF?

See 221- Application- Please note the form last updates 2022 does not have current RSD for ASF- Please refer to Maritimes Web site for newest RSD.

PROVISIONS RELATING TO SCHOLARSHIP

Persons assisted under this scheme should remain with the staff of a YMCA for up to 4 years or as determined by the Selection Panel at the time the grant is made. The option of retention of the recipient should rest with the YMCA concerned, but where the YMCA does not enforce the bond, the Regional Service Director for the region involved should be notified and a report made to the Area Service Director and International Service Director. In all cases recipients should be required to present to the Selection Panel a report of the program undertaken within two months of the completion of the training program, where the program is for a period of one year or less. Reports on programs over one year will be required annually, by no later than the anniversary of the program.

Failure to complete course. The Selection Panel should have the right to require a refund of the grant made where the recipient fails to complete the course or fails to attend the seminar, conference, or convention without good reason acceptable to the Selection Panel. The Panel should have power to make appropriate enquiries in such a situation.

PROMOTION

Each Club is urged to promote some fund raising project specifically for ASF. Some clubs take money from their general project funds.

Regional conventions sponsor special activities or projects to bring in money. Fines are a fun source of money. Districts may celebrate an ASF Day together.

with some money raising activity.

Dollars for Scholars program urges persons to reduce their Christmas Card mailings and contribute the money saved to ASF.

Contributions from individuals.

Securities, bonds, or other property may be contributed directly to the Fund.

The trustees have full power to administer and utilize the income from such properties. A gift designated in your will would be very acceptable and keeps on giving in the lives of others.

SELECTION PROCESS

The selection process is made in the year following that in which the funds to be allocated are collected. The Selection Panel makes selections with appropriate consultation with the WA or other YMCA body. The Selection Panel has authority from the International Council to enter into agreements with recipients on behalf of Y's Men International.

GUIDELINES FOR INTERNATIONAL LEVEL ALLOCATIONS

70% of all money collected is retained at the local level (country or Region) and the remaining 30% is passed on to IHQ for allocation at international level. Since 1996, ASF international grants are no longer given to individuals but to the YMCA Area organisations for training purposes as they think fit.

Note: In 2019/20, the amount retained locally is 80% and the remaining 20% is passed on to IHQ. From 2020/21, the amount retained locally is 70% and the remaining 30% is passed on to IHQ.

See International Site for more details

<https://www.ysmen.org/our-work/programmes/alexander-scholarship-fund/>

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