

NORTH CAROLINA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION (NCNA)

G. DEAN WHISNANT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

G. Dean Whisnant was born on December 15, 1927 in Shelby, North Carolina. As a young boy, he lived through the Great Depression. He learned through those challenging economic times that education provides the opportunity to learn and grow and achieve goals. He truly believed that a solid education could provide more opportunities for an individual. He worked to obtain his education, and he was a successful banker in Shelby for over 40 years.

As an adult and as a father, Dean Whisnant instilled this same belief in education in his two daughters. He worked a busy banking career, but he still spent quality time with his daughters and introduced them to many different subjects. As a collector of old U.S. coins, one hobby he introduced to them was numismatics. He brought home foreign and old U.S. coins and currency to them, and he taught them to care for the items, to appreciate them, and to understand their importance.

As a way to continue the legacy of Dean Whisnant, his daughter Kristy Whisnant Kretzschmar and her husband Todd are offering an annual scholarship in his memory. The purpose of this scholarship is to provide an individual the opportunity to gain an in-depth knowledge of numismatics through the American Numismatic Association's School of Numismatics Diploma Program. The scholarship will provide one individual each calendar year with the opportunity to obtain a "Numismatic Scholar" diploma through the completion of six correspondence courses and a 200-question closed book final exam. Although in-person courses are offered through the American Numismatic Association, this scholarship covers only the correspondence courses. The total cost of this program is \$500.00.

In order to be eligible, the applicant must:

- (1) Complete and sign the attached application
- (2) Be a current member of the North Carolina Numismatic Association
- (3) Be a current member of the American Numismatic Association
- (4) Be 14 years of age as of August 1st of this calendar year
- (5) Provide an approval signature of a parent or guardian if under the age of 18.

Application dates begin April 1st and close July 31st. The recipient of this scholarship will be selected by a scholarship committee consisting of Kristy and Todd Kretzschmar, and three Officers or Board Members of the NCNA appointed by the NCNA President. The winner will be chosen on the basis of how the applicant can best utilize the fellowship to further numismatics in North Carolina. The recipient of this scholarship will be notified prior to the Annual NCNA Convention and Show and will be recognized at that event.

More information on the American Numismatic Association's School of Numismatics Diploma Program can be found on their website at <https://www.money.org>.

Program costs for the ANA numismatic diploma program are as follows:

- \$100 - Diploma program registration
- \$43.95 - Introduction to Numismatics correspondence course
- \$50.95 - Grading U.S. Coins Today correspondence course
- \$77.95 - Detecting counterfeit & Altered Coins Course
- \$54.95 - The Modern Minting Process & Errors & Varieties correspondence course
- \$57.95 - Grading Mint-State U.S. Coins correspondence course
- \$200 - Diploma program final examination fee

However, when paid up front in full the total amount is \$500.00. The NCNA will pay the ANA directly in the name of the scholarship program recipient prior to their beginning the course. The scholarship program recipient will be appointed an NCNA board member as their contact person throughout the process. There is also a mentor available through the ANA.

Please feel free to reach out to Greg Cheek, NCNA President, if you have questions on the scholarship application process at ghcheek@earthlink.net. Scholarship applications during the application period should also be sent to this same email address, or mailed with a postmark no later than July 31st to NCNA, c/o Greg Cheek, P.O. Box 185, Yadkinville, NC 27055.

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SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATION**

Please complete all information requested in Sections 1 through 7:

Section 1: General Information

Applicant Name: _____

Applicant Date of Birth: _____

Applicant Phone: _____

Applicant e-mail: _____

Parent Name (if under 18 years of age as of August 1st of this year):

Parent Phone (if under 18 years of age as of August 1st of this year):

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Section 2: Coin Organizations

List local, regional, or national coin clubs in which you are a member:

Section 3: Personal Interests

List other interests or organizations in which you are active:

Section 4: Numismatic Interests

List what you collect and what areas of numismatics interest you:

Section 5: Numismatic Essay

On a separate sheet of paper, write a one-page essay about how the Numismatic Scholar diploma program would benefit you?

Section 6: Numismatic Accomplishments

Provide the following information on a separate sheet of paper:

- a) Provide a summary of numismatic topics which you have presented in the past two years. Please list the coin clubs or other groups to which you presented.
- b) Provide the title and a brief summary of any numismatic articles you have written in the past two years. Attach copies if possible.
- c) Provide a list of numismatic topics of interest that you have researched.
- d) List any numismatic programs, activities, or events in which you have been involved or led, including coin shows, club meetings, youth programs, etc.
- e) Have you been employed in the field of numismatics? If so, provide the name of your employer, length of time employed, and a description of your work responsibilities.

Section 7: Verification of Application

I verify that the information provided in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge. I also understand that this information will only be shared with NCNA official representatives associated with the G. Dean Whisnant Memorial Scholarship selection process. The NCNA will coordinate the processing of applicants and will notify them regarding the award of scholarships.

Applicant Signature:

Parent Signature (if under 18 years of age as of August 1st of this year):
