

## NSCDA in Texas Awards and Scholarships

### Awards:

#### 1. **Abner Cook Award:**

The Friends of the Neill-Cochran House Museum Committee presents the Abner Cook Award to a member of the Texas community who has had an impact on historic preservation either through his or her career or through independent advocacy or action. The award is given in years where an appropriate recipient is identified.

Awardees may be nominated by any member or Town Committee of the NSCDA in Texas and vetted by the Patriotic Service Committee. This award should be given no more than once annually.

#### **Abner Cook Award Recipients:**

2006: Peter Maxson

2007: Kirk Hubbell

2008: Sue Moss

2009: John & Candace Volz

2010: Wayne Bell

2011: Sally Hunter

2012: Marvin Bradshaw

2013: Betsy Christian

2014: Jane Karotkin

2017: Joe Pinnelli

#### 2. **The NSCDA-TX Award for Distinction in Patriotic Service**

The NSCDA-TX Award for Distinction in Patriotic Service is presented to a member of the Texas community who has, through his or her career or through personal avocation, made an impact on the growth of American patriotic spirit. This award may be presented whenever an appropriate recipient is identified, but not more than once annually.

#### **Patriotic Service Award Recipients:**

2018: Tom Hatfield

### Scholarships:

The Patriotic Service Chair facilitates and oversees the following four awards and scholarships:

#### 1. **Congressional Seminar Essay Contest:**

This essay contest is a major project of The NSCDA held under the auspices of the Washington Workshops Foundation, a private nonprofit educational program in American government for high school students.

Two Texas high school winners receive full tuition from the NSCDA in Texas, including seminar materials, university campus housing, and two meals daily, for a week of citizenship education about the national government and tours of sites in our nation's capital.

Airfare and money for incidentals, provided by the Texas Dames, are also included. These funds are most often made available by the Town Committees where the winning students live and attend school.

#### 2. **NSCDA-Texas Scholarship in American History**

This \$2000 award is to be presented annually to a graduate student of American history in the UT Austin History Department. (Previously rotated among Town Committees to local graduate students, the decision was made in May 2017 to keep this scholarship in Austin. This would develop an ongoing relationship with the University and improve the visibility of the NCHM.) The Patriotic Service

Chairman should create a packet of information about the NSCDA and the NCHM to accompany the check presented to the recipient of the scholarship. If possible, the check and packet should be presented in person.

3. **Region III Award:**

This is one of four scholarships of \$5,000 each funded by The National Society each year and administered by the Corporate Societies on a **rotating schedule**. The scholarships are awarded to graduate degree students with a serious interest in American history who are working toward doctorate degrees in American History defined as any period of American history, political science, historic restoration and preservation or administration of historic sites. Texas awards this scholarship once every 11 years.

4. **District 6 Award:**

This award for a graduate student in American History is funded by donations from the Societies within District 6 of the NSCDA. On a rotating schedule, the Societies take turns selecting the recipients. The amount of the awards depends upon the donations received from the Societies within each District each year. All Societies are invited to send their donations to the Society making the selection that year.

Like the Regional Awards, the recipient shall be conducting research toward doctorate degrees in American History defined as any period of American history, political science, historic restoration and preservation or administration of historic sites. Texas awards this scholarship every 4 years.

*Rotation Schedule as posted on the NSCDA website:*

**Region III**

2017-2018 Arkansas  
2018-2019 Louisiana  
2019-2020 Georgia  
2020-2021 Alabama  
2021-2022 North Carolina  
2022-2023 Oklahoma  
2023-2024 Tennessee  
2024-2025 Florida  
2025-2026 Texas  
2026-2027 South Carolina  
2027-2028 Mississippi

**District 6**

2017-2018 Oklahoma  
2018-2019 Texas  
2019-2020 Louisiana  
2020-2021 Arkansas

The Historical Activities Chairman facilitates and oversees this scholarship:

1. **Texas History Day Scholarships (Colonial Dames Awards):**

Two scholarships of \$150 each are awarded annually – one to a middle school student (junior division) and one to a high school student (senior division). The Historical Activities Chairman works with the Texas State Historical Association to decide on a topic for the Texas History Day Fair essay contest. The Texas History Day Fair is held in May in Austin. The Historical Activities Chairman should attend the Fair to present the award or should send a substitute from the NSCDA-TX.

