

# **CLAN MORRISON SOCIETY OF NORTH AMERICA (CMSNA) SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM DESCRIPTION AND APPLICATION PACKET**

CMSNA offers a scholarship program for continuing education in any of multiple fields related to our shared Scottish heritage. The program description and all necessary information for application are included in this packet. The packet can be downloaded at the CMSNA website – [www.clanmorrison.net](http://www.clanmorrison.net) or by email request to [rmorri72995@earthlink.net](mailto:rmorri72995@earthlink.net).

Completed applications (email is preferred) must be submitted to the following address:

CMSNA Scholarship Program  
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Raleigh, NC 27609  
(919) 782-6854  
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## **General Instructions**

The information and rules for the program are a part of this packet. This scholarship is available only for continuing education in approved fields of study (see below). Preference will be given to applicants with prior exposure to the proposed topic or activity.

Applications for any calendar year must be received no later than March 31<sup>st</sup> of that year. Scholarships will be awarded no later than June 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. They may be awarded earlier, particularly if the need for an early approval is demonstrated. The number of scholarships and the amount of each scholarship shall be determined each year by the Executive Board of CMSNA in consultation with the Scholarship Committee. CMSNA is not required to award scholarships if ~~none~~ no applications are received that meet the requirements of the program.

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Thank you for your interest,

Robert Morrison  
CMSNA Scholarship Committee Chairman

**CLAN MORRISON SOCIETY OF NORTH AMERICA (CMSNA)  
SCHOLARSHIP GRANT PROGRAM INFORMATION  
AND RULES**

The Clan Morrison Society of North America (CMSNA) offers scholarships for continuing education in fields of interest to our Scottish heritage. Applications for these scholarships must be received by the society no later than March 31st of each calendar year. Scholarship awards will be announced no later than, but perhaps earlier than, June 1st of each year. The number of scholarships and the amounts offered will be determined each year by the society. The society is not required to award scholarships if none applications are received that meet the requirements of the program.

**Program Intent**

It is the intention of the society that the awarding of these scholarships shall help to preserve the unique traditions, memories, and skills associated with historical Scotland. As the descendants of Scottish Clans and families, it is our hope that each new generation will keep our shared heritage alive and pass it on in turn to the next generation.

**Fields of Study that are approved for the Program**

Broadly, any field of study that can help to preserve the unique traditions, memories, and skills associated with historical Scotland **will be approved**. The society will consider any and all **other** fields of study but will approve them only if their primary objective is clearly to promote and/or preserve Scottish heritage. Such fields of study include but are not limited to performing arts (piping, drumming, playing on musical instruments of traditional Scottish music, the singing of Scottish songs, Scottish dancing), weaving, kilt making, Scottish athletics, Scottish cooking, woodworking, smithing, the fabrication of traditional Scottish attire and weapons, history, genetics (DNA studies), genealogy of Scots, Scottish archeology, etc.

**Scholarship Committee**

The Chairman of the Society shall as necessary designate members of the society to serve on the Scholarship Committee. The committee shall administer the scholarship program in its entirety, serve as the contact point for the program, and recommend any proposed changes in the program to the society board. The Board of the Society shall award all scholarships based upon the recommendations from the Scholarship Committee.

**Eligibility and Requirements for the Scholarship Program**

Scholarships are open to all applicants of any age on a strictly non-discriminatory basis. Membership in the CMSNA is not required, nor is having a Scottish surname or **family** heritage. The number of scholarships and the amounts awarded each year are based upon the available funds for ~~the~~ **that** particular year.

## **Applicant Requirements**

To apply successfully for **one of** these scholarships a prospective applicant must meet the following requirements (electronic applications are ~~both~~ acceptable and preferred):

1. Have a desire to steadily progress in competence in the field of study.
2. Have a field of study that meets the general requirements for such fields as set forth elsewhere in this document.
3. Submit the application attached (**note the signature requirement for applicants under 18**) and submit a letter from their proposed instructor that documents the applicant's experience, proficiency, commitment, proposed coursework or study activity, and any family relationship that may exist with that instructor. Other information may be included as desired.
4. Submit a clear plan for the use of the scholarship funds and the goals of the applicant with respect to the proposed study. This plan must be specific. The goals must **also** be specific, for instance, **"improve my proficiency in piobaireachd"** and not "learn to play the pipes better". The total costs of the proposed course of instruction must be included and must equal or exceed the grant amount.
5. Note that preference will be given to those with prior exposure to the proposed field of study or activity.

## **Instructor/Provider Requirements**

The instruction provided to the applicants must be provided by a recognized person, school, or institute or by a person with an appropriate level of expertise. The Scholarship Committee may request documentation to this effect. If so requested, providing an appropriate web site is sufficient. International organizations and providers are acceptable but note the currency conversion responsibility immediately below.

## **Scholarship Payments**

All scholarship awards shall be paid directly to the organization or individual providing the instruction. No payments shall be made directly to the applicant. All payments shall be in US dollars by check or electronic funds transfer. Currency conversion, if necessary, is the responsibility of the payee.

## **Completion of Studies**

Non-completion of the proposed studies by the grant recipient by reason of any failure on the part of the recipient or the instruction provider, acts of God excluded, shall require the refund to CMSNA by the providing organization or individual of the grant amount. Notification to CMSNA of completion of studies may be requested by CMSNA at the society's discretion.

## **Group Applications**

Applications by groups such as bands, families, etc. will be accepted but preference will be given to individuals first, then small groups, then large groups. No funds will be awarded to any applicant for **the cost of attending** performances, competitions, etc. nor for lodging and/or meals and travel unless included in the cost of the course.

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**Applicant's  
Name:**

**Mailing Address:**

I am 18 or older (Yes/No):

(If under 18, parent must sign below)

**Field of Study (Give more detail on the next page):**

I have read and understand the CMSNA Scholarship Program Information and Rules accompanying this application and also available online at [www.clanmorrison.net](http://www.clanmorrison.net) and agree to be bound by those rules concerning this scholarship program. I understand that the Scholarship Committee may require additional information. I understand that providing false, incomplete, or misleading information will disqualify me for any award. I understand that any scholarship funds will be paid to the instructing individual or organization, not to me. I understand that if I fail to complete the proposed course of study for any reason other than acts of God that the scholarship money must be repaid to CMSNA. I understand that I may be required to provide progress reports and documentation of completion. I shall direct all questions and requests for status updates to the Chairman of the Scholarship Committee as noted in the program rules and regulations.

**Applicant Signature and Date:**

**Parent Signature and Date:  
(If Applicant is under 18)**

**Provide a brief description of your proposed course of study, including instructor(s) and total cost.**