

FLLG Ithaca Lace Day (“ILD”) Scholarship Policy Outline (last revised 2016)

What? Scholarship covering cost of:

- ILD workshop (Sat-Sun or Sat-Sun-Mon or Mon, as applicant requests).
- ILD registration fee (includes Friday night reception).
- ILD Sat. Banquet (meal for one) when at least a Sat-Sun scholarship is awarded.

Who?

- Anyone may apply; if under 18 need signature of parent or guardian.
- If awarded and used a scholarship in a past, not eligible to receive it again for 2 years (e.g. if receive in 2014 may reapply for scholarship in 2016).
- If awarded but not used due to unexpected forced cancellation and notice timely given, then may reapply in the next or any subsequent year, as if the unused award had not been awarded to that applicant.

Why? Scholarship application questions:

- Applicants should demonstrate interest in lace study in a statement (not exceeding 300 words) describing previous lace experiences if any (e.g. self-study, texts used, teachers, workshops, lace group affiliation); or if a beginner describing basis for interest, and any previous experience in textile craft or hobby or any activity that applicant relates to applicants’ interest lace (e.g. history, theatre, historic re-enactment, art, antiques, preservation).
- Financial need is on the honor system; applicants should refer to published living wage information & make a good faith judgment that their financial situations are not significantly in excess of the living wage identified for an adult or family in the same situation as applicants’ situation.
- Awardee should “pay forward,” on a volunteer basis, the experience or skills learned with the help of the award to further promote lace, e.g. by giving a demonstration to a group, writing an article for a lace newsletter. As is true for all Ithaca Lace Day workshops no student may share workshop patterns or course materials without the teacher’s consent.
- Award will be based on applicants’ answers to the above questions. There are no right or wrong answers and length of answer will not increase chances of award. Answers that are succinct, sincere, and relevant to the question are preferable.

When?

- Application forms are available on website or from Shirley Egan ske1@cornell.edu or 2578 Fry Road, Aurora, NY 13026.
- Send completed scholarship applications to Shirley Egan electronically or by US Mail, (address above) for receipt by Aug 15th. Applications received after that will only be considered if no award has been made from the pool received by the deadline.
- We will try to notify applicants (awarded/declined) by the time registration confirmation/class lottery results are received from Registrar Kathy Kauffmann.
- The award is not transferable and must be used in, or lost for, the year awarded.

Application Award Process:

- Note: Registration for ILD and class lottery are completely separate from the scholarship application process. Please do not send scholarship applications to Kathy Kauffmann.
- An applications review committee (“ARC”) of 3 makes the award.
- The decision of the ARC is final.

- Consideration and award will be “double blind” with neither the applicants nor the ARC members knowing the identities of the other.
- In its sole discretion the ARC may decline to award a grant or grants.
- The ARC may award more than one grant, provided more are funded.
- The ARC may award a grant (or grants) and also name a back-up awardee in case the awardee cancels or does not use the awarded scholarship.
- Awardee(s) will not receive any preference in the lottery process used for getting into an oversubscribed workshop or workshops.
- Applicants should send in their registration for ILD with ranked class preferences indicated, to Kathy Kauffmann before the workshop lottery deadline. Applicants for scholarship have 2 choices when sending registration form for ILD:
 - If applicant cannot attend unless awarded a scholarship then a check for the cost does not need to accompany the ILD registration and the applicant should indicate that a scholarship application is or will be submitted by the scholarship application deadline of August 15.
 - If applicant can attend some or all without being awarded a scholarship, then the registration should be accompanied by a check for the cost of all or for the portion that can be attended without an award.
- If awarded a scholarship, and the applicant sent a check, it will be returned or refunded for the amount of the scholarship. Award is in the form of a credit for the workshop(s) the awardee has received a confirmed registration for.
- The ARC will not know which of the above choices an applicant selected.
- If an awardee must cancel, notice should be given as soon as possible so that another eligible person may use the scholarship.
- Failure to notify of a cancellation in a timely fashion (given the circumstances surrounding the need to cancel) may result in ineligibility to apply for two years.

Other Details:

- The President will appoint the ARC in consultation with the Vice President .
- The maximum aggregate dollar amount available for scholarship(s) each year will be determined by the Board of Directors in consultation with the ILD Chairperson.
- No person then serving as President, Vice President, Treasurer, ILD Chairperson, or member of the ARC shall be eligible to receive a scholarship.
- The ARC will provide a brief annual report to the President and Vice President by December 31st each year. The report will be published in the next available issue of the Newsletter. The report should indicate the number of applications received, number of scholarship awarded, and total dollar amount of scholarships awarded, but exclude personal information concerning applicants or ARC members.
- The scholarship has no independent monetary value and may only be redeemed by taking the workshop or workshops for which the awardee is registered.
- An application for, or an award of, a scholarship does not create an offer or acceptance or a contract of any kind.
- A scholarship may be revoked at anytime for material misrepresentation or behavior that is unethical or materially interferes with the learning opportunity and enjoyment of other ILD attendees.
- The FLLG is not responsible for any consequences direct or indirect of awarding, failing to award, or revoking the award of, a scholarship.
- The scholarship awardee is solely responsible for tax consequences, if any.