Please Note: Due to regulations surrounding federally-sponsored student loans and grants, these awards will be deposited directly into the recipient’s Bursar account and reported to Financial Aid. Thus, an award could impact the recipient’s financial aid package for the Fall 2017 semester. If you have any questions or concerns about this situation, contact the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid, 119 Student Union (744-6604)

All Applicants must submit 1) a completed OSU History Department Scholarship Application; 2) an up-to-date unofficial transcript of courses and grades; and 3) a resume reflecting academic achievements and extracurricular activities. They also must submit a letter of recommendation from their advisor that discusses their performance and specific progress toward the degree. Some awards, as noted below, require further supporting materials as well.

PhD students who have received dissertation support in the past are welcome to apply for all awards, but they must submit a letter from their advisor detailing specific progress on the dissertation and provide copies of any chapters and drafts completed during the past year.

Applicants who serve or have served as a Teaching Associate or Teaching Assistant must demonstrate a strong record of performance in that position.

1. **The LeRoy H. Fischer Graduate Research Paper Award** (one award of $1375 --funding available SUMMER or FALL only). The recipient must be enrolled as a full-time graduate student in the Department of History at Oklahoma State University. The award will recognize the best paper in any area of History written for a course taken at OSU during the Spring, Summer, or Fall Semester of 2016. The papers submitted for the competition will be judged according to the following criteria: 1) **Originality**. Each paper should develop a clear thesis and should not be simply descriptive. 2) **Research**. Each paper should utilize both primary and secondary sources and should include documentation and a bibliography. 3) **Writing and Style**. Each paper should be well-written, thoroughly proofread, and conform stylistically to the Chicago Manual of Style. Applicants should submit three (3) copies of their paper.

2. **The LeRoy H. Fischer Scholarship in History** (one award of $950--funding available SUMMER or FALL only). The recipient must be enrolled as a full-time graduate student in the Department of History at Oklahoma State University. Preference will be given to applicants whose main focus of study is Oklahoma or Civil War History.

3. **The History Department Graduate Research Paper Award** (three awards of up to $1500--funding available SPRING only). The recipients must be enrolled as full-time graduate students in the Department of History at Oklahoma State University. The award will recognize the best paper in any area of History written for a course taken at OSU during the Spring, Summer or Fall Semester of 2016. The papers submitted for the competition will be judged according to the following criteria: 1) **Originality**. Each paper should develop a clear thesis and should not be simply descriptive. 2) **Research**. Each paper should utilize both primary and secondary sources and should include documentation and a bibliography. 3) **Writing and Style**. Each paper should be well-written, thoroughly proofread, and conform stylistically to the Chicago Manual of Style. Candidates should submit three (3) copies of their paper.

4. **Department of History Graduate Research Fellowship** (two awards of up to $2000--funding available SUMMER or FALL only). To be eligible, PhD students must have completed comprehensive examinations by the time of application and have begun work on their dissertation. MA students must be working on their thesis, internship, or report. ALL applicants should submit a one-page statement describing their research topic, a one-page essay on career goals; and two letters of recommendation. These letters should evaluate the applicant’s research topic, providing detailed information about dissertation and thesis progress, including specific information about chapters written, drafts of chapters, and outcomes of archival visits. Letters should also report on the applicant’s overall performance and potential as a scholar and teacher or public historian. PhD students who have received this award in the past are welcome to reapply, but to do so, one of their letters of recommendation must be from their dissertation advisor detailing chapters written, drafts of chapters, and outcomes of archival visits. PhD applicants must submit copies of any chapters and drafts completed during the past year. PhD students must also submit a copy of their approved Plan of Study, and a copy of the Dissertation Proposal approved by their Advisory Committee and the Graduate College. MA applicants must also submit a copy of their Plan of Study signed by all members of their Advisory Committee.
5. **The Homer L. Knight Graduate Award** (two awards of $1000—funding available SUMMER or FALL only). Graduate students in History who have a 3.5 overall grade point average in their graduate work at OSU are eligible to apply.

6. **The Berlin B. Chapman Endowed Scholarship** (up to six graduate/undergraduate awards of up to $1350—funding available SUMMER or FALL only). Awards will be given to full-time undergraduate or graduate students who are working toward a degree in History at OSU. Preference will be given to applicants whose main focus of study is Oklahoma History.

7. **O.A. Hilton Memorial Scholarship supported by the Raymond Estep History Scholarship Fund** (four awards of $1375—funding available SUMMER or FALL). This award will be given to an Oklahoma-born, full-time student at OSU working on a graduate degree in History. Preference will be given to candidates whose emphasis of study is in one of the following areas (preference given in order shown): 1) American Economic History, 2) Oklahoma History, 3) Native American History (as it pertains to Oklahoma), 4) Western Frontier in American History, 5) Latin American History, 6) History of the US Southwest.

8. **The Dr. Watt Steward Doctoral Fellowship** (Two awards of $2500 funding available SUMMER or FALL) This award will be given to an Oklahoma-born, full-time student at OSU working on a doctoral degree in History. Preference will be given to candidates whose emphasis of study is in one of the following areas (preference given in order shown): 1) American Economic History, 2) Oklahoma History, 3) Native American History (as it pertains to Oklahoma), 4) Western Frontier in American History, 5) Latin American History, 6) History of the US Southwest. They should submit a one-page statement describing their research topic, a one-page essay on career goals; and two letters of recommendation. Letters should evaluate the applicant's research topic, providing detailed information about dissertation and thesis progress, including specific information about chapters written, drafts of chapters, and outcomes of archival visits. Letters should also report on the applicant's overall performance and potential as a scholar and teacher or public historian. PhD students who have received this award in the past are welcome to reapply, but one of their letters of recommendation must be from their dissertation advisor detailing chapters written, drafts of chapters, and outcomes of archival visits. Applicants must submit copies of any chapters and drafts completed during the past year. PhD students must also submit a copy of their approved Plan of Study and a copy of the Dissertation Proposal approved by their Advisory Committee and the Graduate College.

9. **The Townsend Memorial Award for Outstanding Graduate Paper in American History to 1914** (one award of $1000 funding available SPRING only). The paper must use both primary and secondary sources and follow the *Chicago Manual of Style*. It must have been written for a course taken at OSU during the Spring, Summer, or Fall Semester of 2016. Applicants must intend to teach American History in some fashion during their professional careers. This may include at the post-secondary level. Candidates should submit three (3) copies of their paper.

10. **The Townsend Memorial Minority Graduate Scholarship in Honor of Minnie A. DeWitt** (one award of $1500—funding available SUMMER or FALL only). The purpose of this scholarship is to recognize achievement by minority students in the study of History at Oklahoma State University. Applicants must plan to teach American History in some fashion during their professional careers. This may include at the post-secondary level.

11. **The Townsend Dissertation Fellowship** (up to three awards of up to $3500—funding available SUMMER or FALL). To qualify for this fellowship, a student must: 1) have completed by the time of application all requirements for the PhD in History except the dissertation; 2) be working on a dissertation in American History prior to 1914; and 3) plan for a professional career in teaching American History. This may include at the post-secondary level. All candidates must submit a copy of their Plan of Study; the Dissertation Proposal approved by their Advisory Committee and the Graduate College; a short essay on career goals; and two letters of recommendation. These letters, one of which must be provided by their dissertation director, should evaluate the applicant's research topic and provide detailed information about dissertation progress, including specific information about chapters written, drafts of chapters, and outcomes of archival visits. Students who have received this award in the past are welcome to reapply, but they must submit copies of any chapters and drafts completed during the past year.
12. **Mahnken Distinguished Graduate Fellowship** (One award at $2200--funding available **SUMMER only**). This fellowship is designed to provide financial assistance to students completing an internship as required for the Applied History option of the MA (Plan II) and the Public History field in the PhD program. Recipients must be enrolled either in the Applied History MA option or be a PhD student with a field in Public History; they should have a GPA of at least 3.0 and no more than nine hours of incomplete. All other factors being equal, preference will be given to students having the fewest incompletes. Applicants for this award should also submit the following to the History Department Scholarship Committee: 1) a 2-3 page written statement identifying the host institution for the internship, explaining what the internship will entail, and addressing how the internship will contribute to the applicant's academic program and future career goals. This statement also should indicate whether the host institution is providing any stipend, and if so, in what amount; and, 5) a letter of recommendation from the Director of Applied History. Those students in the PhD program also should submit a letter of recommendation from the chair of their Advisory Committee.

**Some award funds will be available only in the Fall; some only in the Spring; and some are available for BOTH.**

Please let the Scholarship Committee know if you will be using the funds for **SUMMER research**

The OSU History Department Scholarship Application is also available in the History Department Office.

**Deadline for applications is 12:00 noon on Wednesday, February 1, 2017.** Please address them to: Scholarship Committee, OSU History Department, 101 S. Murray Hall, Stillwater, OK 74078-3054. Email: susan.oliver@okstate.edu

The winners will be honored at the Phi Alpha Theta Spring 2017 awards ceremony.