

The Richard Jeryan Memorial Coverlet College Scholarship 2024

In celebration of the life of Richard Jeryan, an anonymous donor is offering a scholarship for one attendee of Coverlet College 2024 at The National Museum of the American Coverlet.

Richard Jeryan (1945-2015) was a major contributor to the survival and success of The Coverlet Museum. As board members for many years, Richard and his wife Chris travelled often from Michigan to be part of the NMAC team. Together with fellow board member Ron Walter, they took co-founder Laszlo Zongor's original concept for Coverlet College and helped make it what it is today. Richard's unbounded energy and expertise, along with Chris' joy in all things relating to coverlets, have been an inspiration for Museum organizers as well as the hundreds of folks who have participated in the previous Coverlet College events.

Scholarships in Richard's honor are open to people of any age who have a passion for the subject of American Coverlets and wish to further their learning experience through study and exposure.

Coverlet College 2024 will take place September 27, 28 and 29 at the Museum. The scholarship will cover the registration fee, your choice of either Friday workshop, all the Saturday and Sunday program sessions and a one-year Museum membership. In return we might ask for your assistance with some behind-the-scenes tasks like moving chairs, helping set out meals on the buffet tables, etc. – but we promise you won't miss any programming!

For applicants, the only requirement is a short written essay, about a page in length, outlining your background and interests and why you should be awarded this scholarship.

Topics to be included should be:

- How did you become interested in textiles and coverlets in particular?
- What is your background in textiles?
- What do you expect to gain from this experience?
- How will you use this knowledge in the future?
- Any other reasons why YOU should be chosen?

Essay applications can be submitted to the Scholarship Committee in the form of an email document to info@coverletmuseum.org. Be sure to include your contact information!

Deadline for applications is August 31, 2024. Applications by "snail mail" will be accepted but must arrive by **August 31, 2024**. Send to The National Museum of the American Coverlet, 322 S Juliana Street, Bedford, PA 15522.

Final selection and notice of awards will be made on September 6, 2024. *The Museum cannot be responsible for applications received late or not at all. All applications will be acknowledged. If you receive no acknowledgement, we don't have your application!*