



St. Andrews Society of Oakland

Alex Moir Memorial Scholarship Information for Applicants

The St. Andrews Society of Oakland was established on May 3rd, 1878 with the objective to provide support and assistance to Scotsmen in need. It is a Society created by Scotsmen and has evolved over the years to remain true to its roots and continues to offer support and assistance to many worthwhile charities and people of Scottish descent. This scholarship works within the spirit of that original objective to help students with an affinity for Scotland realize their ambitions by furthering their education and reaching their true potential. This was very close to the heart of Society Past President Alex Moir.

To qualify, the applicant must have a 3.0 (B) GPA on a scale of 4.0 or a 4.0 on a scale of 5.0. The applicant must be able to demonstrate an affinity for Scotland.

The applicant must attend or have been accepted to an accredited college or university (the scholarship check will be deposited into the student's account with the college or university at the beginning of the appropriate semester or quarter).

A successful recipient of an award cannot qualify for a subsequent award.

This application, official high school or college transcript and letters of recommendation must be received by the Society by **April 15th**. All submissions will become the property of the Society and cannot be returned.

The Scholarship Committee will recommend a recipient (or recipients, if the Committee feels there is more than one applicant meeting the Society's criteria) for an award to be ratified by the Society members at its August meeting.

Maximum award for any school year is \$1,500, unless otherwise approved by the Society.

As criteria for evaluation, the Scholarship Committee will consider the following (general guidelines):-

- Verification of Scottish affinity
- Identifiable need for financial assistance
- Academic achievement
- Extracurricular activities
- An indication that the proposed course of study will materially contribute to the applicant's intellectual development and economic independence
- Proof of acceptance to their selected school
- Connection to the Society.

Special attention will be given to applicants whose work or interests demonstrably contribute toward enhancing knowledge of Scottish history or culture. Finalists for an award must be willing, upon request, to be available in person or by telephone for interview by the committee or its designated representative.