

# NJSAA MARC MAPPEN STUDENT RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP

*This scholarship of \$300 is offered by the New Jersey Studies Academic Alliance to support research on any aspect of New Jersey Studies. It is open to high school and college students.*

## Requirements

- 1) Applicants must be enrolled in high school or at a college or a university (full- or part-time; at the undergraduate or graduate level).
- 2) This student must be working on a NJ-related history or social studies project. It can be a standard research paper, digital humanities project, oral history project – creativity is encouraged!
- 3) Students do not have to be a member of NJSAA to apply for the award. A one-year free membership will be provided to awardees.
- 4) Awardee should be willing to present their work (even if it is a work in progress) at a meeting of NJSAA, which usually meets at Rutgers-New Brunswick. Date of presentation will be negotiated between the student and the committee. Students unable to attend an NJSAA meeting to make their presentation may make arrangements to do a presentation via the Internet.
- 5) Awardee's project will be listed on NJSAA's website and may be considered for publication in *NJ Studies: An Interdisciplinary Journal*. We would also encourage students to submit their finished products to the NJSAA undergraduate or graduate research paper awards competition, if appropriate.

## Application Process

- 1) Applications must include:
  - a. A 750-1,000 word description of the project, timeline, and its expected outcomes.
  - b. A response to the following question, answered in 250 words: "If you had more time and resources to build upon or expand the project, what

would you do?” Plainly: where will the money go? **Please note that students should not use our funding for anything that might jeopardize their health (and the health of others) during the pandemic. Travel and in-person archival visits should be avoided.**

- c. Supplemental materials (i.e., research outline, resume with contact information, links to a website or to video or audio clips, a portion of an oral history transcript no longer than 250 words, etc).
  - d. The name, title, and institution of the academic mentor or advisor who will be supplying a letter of recommendation. The academic mentor or advisor must send the letter of recommendation directly via email.
- 2) Fall applications will be accepted until October 1<sup>st</sup>, with announcements made October 15<sup>th</sup>. Spring applications will be accepted until March 1<sup>st</sup>, with announcements made March 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - 3) Only complete applications will be considered (including letters of recommendation).

### **Criteria for Evaluation**

- 1) Originality of the work.
- 2) The project’s relevance to the New Jersey Studies community and/or to the community in New Jersey on which the project focuses.
- 3) The project’s research design: feasibility, objectives, outline of major topics, plan of work, public access, and archiving plans.

**Please submit all materials electronically to Melissa Ziobro, Chair, NJSAA Research Scholarship Committee, [mziobro@monmouth.edu](mailto:mziobro@monmouth.edu).**

*Organized in 1992, the New Jersey Studies Academic Alliance (NJSAA) promotes the teaching of New Jersey Studies, collaboration on projects, and sharing of materials. Membership to the NJSAA is \$5.00 for one year, \$15.00 for three years. See more at <https://sites.google.com/site/njstudiesacademicalliance/Home>*

*The scholarship is named for Marc Mappen, former executive director of the New Jersey Historical Commission and a legend in the field of New Jersey studies. Mr. Mappen died on Sunday, January 6, 2019 “having spent most of his life, and a great deal of his energy, working on and promoting the history of the state. He was the author of numerous articles and books, a frequent speaker who delighted in telling humorous offbeat stories about people and places, a public scholar and servant, and good friend to a great many people.”*