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ARTHUR W. CLINTON JR. SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

The purpose of these scholarships and awards, bestowed once each year, is to promote scholarly pursuits in the field of Marian studies and possible contributions to the activities of the Mariological Society of America. Scholarships An Arthur W. Clinton Jr. Scholarship is awarded to a student pursuing a graduate degree (licentiate, master's, or doctorate)¹ whose dissertation is in the field of Mariology or Marian studies. Ordinarily, a scholarship is awarded so the applicant may be free to work for a year on the thesis or dissertation. The number of scholarships and the amount conferred with each of them are dependent on the funds available for distribution, the number of applicants, their need, and the merit of their proposals.

Application must be made for renewal. Application for financial assistance for an academic year (beginning with the fall semester) must be submitted by the preceding May 1. In 2012, the MSA's Administrative Council extended eligibility for scholarship grants to those working for a licentiate or master's degree.

The application should be addressed to: Clinton Scholarships and Awards Committee, Mariological Society of America, Marian Library, University of Dayton, Dayton, OH 45469-1390,

A scholarship application (initial or for renewal) should include the following:

1. The prospectus or overview of the dissertation.

2. Two letters of recommendation: one from the thesis/dissertation director; another from a faculty member or director of the program (may be sent separately or forwarded by the petitioner).
3. Letter from the applicant containing a detailed plan of the work that will be accomplished during the year; the specific amount requested; and a budget showing how the money will be used. An Arthur W. Clinton Jr.

Award is granted ordinarily to a postdoctoral applicant working on a specific Marian studies topic that will result in a publication. Assistance can support research, writing, and preparation of the manuscript, up to \$1,500. Distribution will be based on the amount of funds available and the merit of the proposals. Special projects of the Mariological Society of America, especially to provide assistance and encouragement for the foundation of new Mariological (scholarly Marian) societies, also qualify for assistance.

For 2016–2017, the Clinton scholarship and awards funds came to a total of \$16,600.00. They were dispersed as follows: \$11,000.00 scholarship to Maria Enriqueta Garcia Gallegos for writing her dissertation for IMRI (the International Marian Research Institute); \$ 1,500.00 award to Sr. Donna Maria Moses for research support; \$1,000.00 to Sr. Donna Maria Moses, OP, in support of her work as the MSA webmaster and related costs; and \$3,100.00 scholarship to Fr. Alex Awi Mello, a Schoenstatt Father, in support of his work for the completion of his doctoral dissertation with IMRI.

Application for financial assistance must be submitted by May 1. The application should be addressed to: Clinton

Scholarships and Awards Committee Mariological Society of America Marian Library, University of Dayton Dayton, OH 45469-1390 The following should be submitted in an application for this award: 1. Curriculum vitae. 2. Description of the project. 3. Letter of support from a colleague (may be sent separately or forwarded by the petitioner). 4. Letter from the applicant giving the specific amount requested and explaining how the money will be used.

MSA ORGANIZATION CHART: 2016-2018 (MARCH 2017)

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

Officers

- President: Danielle M. Peters, STD (2016-2018)
- Vice-President: Fr. Dwight Campbell, STD (2016-2018)
- Secretary-Treasurer: Fr. Thomas A. Thompson, SM (2014-2018)

Councilors (4-year terms) – Current assignments

- Program: Fr. Frederick L. Miller, STD (2014-2018); Robert Fastiggi, PhD (2016-2020)
- Planning: Sr. Jean Frisk, STL (2014-2018); Fr. Edward Looney (2016-2020)
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Ex Officio Members*

- Communications: Sr. Donna Maria Moses, OP

- Executive Assistant: Cecilia Mushenheim, MSA Secretariat

*Ex officio members are included as auditors at MSA council meetings and are copied in email correspondence. They do not have voting privileges.

MSA Committees 2016-2020

- Nominating Committee (MSA Bylaws, Art. VII) – Appointed by the Administrative Council: Fr. James Phalan, CSC; Michael Duricy; Fr. Dwight Campbell

Note: Regarding the following two standing committees (neither of which has specific mention in the MSA Bylaws), the Administrative Council has appointed:

- The MSA Awards Committees: Cardinal Wright Mariological Award and the Marian Pastoral Award: Dr. Robert Fastiggi; Fr. Frederick Miller; Fr. Thomas A. Thompson, SM
- The Arthur W. Clinton, Jr., Scholarships and Awards Committee: Fr. Thomas A. Thompson, SM; Fr. Johann G. Roten, SM; Mr. Randal E. Ferguson [First Western Securities; financial agent for Clinton funds]; Cecilia Mushenheim [assistant to the MSA Secretary and MSA Administration].

Membership of the MSA

In 2017, the MSA had 244 members: 196 professional members and 48 associate members. This total includes six new members (four professional and two associate).