October 7, 2015

RE: Saint Andrew’s Society of NY Scholarship for Graduate Study in Scotland

The Saint Andrew’s Society of the State of New York, having granted over 183 scholarships since the inception of the above captioned program in 1956, is pleased to announce that, once again, two scholarships will be awarded for one year of graduate study in Scotland, commencing in the fall of 2016. We seek your endorsement of one graduating senior of Scottish descent for this opportunity.

Enclosed are two applications and the qualification data sheet for posting in the appropriate area or by the department(s) responsible for supplying information on overseas graduate study.

Each year we notify 300 universities and colleges of our scholarship opportunities, and the applications we receive are uniformly impressive. Since the achievements and character of the candidates are most impressive, the selections process is very difficult indeed. Every candidate is thoroughly evaluated by our Scholarship Committee, and seldom do we find one who would not deserve a scholarship. Unfortunately, we have only two to award. If possible, we try to distribute our scholarships over the years to candidates from a variety of schools so as to foster an interest in Scotland and its academic institutions among a broad array of colleges and universities in this country. If your candidate has not been selected in recent years, or ever for that matter, please persevere and continue to recommend your candidates. Those whose candidacies have been successful had found their experience in Scotland most rewarding, and many have continued their relationship with the Society and Scotland long after their year of graduate study has ended.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or Brigid Tucker at the Society offices.

We look forward to your participation in this unique program.

Very truly yours,

Samuel F. Abernethy, Chairman
Scholarship Committee

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The Saint Andrew's Society of the State of New York has provided over 183 graduate scholarships to promote cultural interchange and goodwill between Scotland and the United States since 1960. The following outlines eligibility and selection criteria for our 2016/2017 scholarships:

Senior undergraduate student who will obtain a Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university in the Spring of 2016 and can demonstrate the significance of studying in Scotland. Proof of application to their selected school will be required for finalists. It is the Society’s strong preference to consider only such Spring 2016 candidates.

Candidates should possess qualifications which will enable them to be good ambassadors for the United States while in Scotland. The basis for selection shall include the student's: (1) academic achievement; (2) extracurricular activities; (3) financial need; (4) clarity of career purpose in pursuing the graduate studies; (5) a statement that sets forth why the applicant wishes to continue your education, with clarity around the graduate study objective(s) to be achieved and why he/she wishes to study in Scotland; (6) some Scottish descent; and (7) proof of US Citizenship.

Only one applicant shall be considered from each institution per year. Candidates must reside or attend school within 250 miles of New York State.

2 Letters of reference from appropriate Professors are required.

The applicant must be endorsed as the student most qualified in a letter from the President of the institution.

An official transcript

An appropriate official, with knowledge of the applicant's financial status, should also certify that assistance would be required for a year of graduate study in Scotland.

The Macmillan and the Saint Andrew's Scholarship provides funds to a total of $30,000 to be used initially against tuition, then board, transportation and other expenses. Applications must be submitted by December 15, 2015, for study commencing in the fall of 2016. Interested students should request application forms through their institution or directly from us by writing, calling or faxing Brigid Tucker at the Society Office. Ph: 212-223-4248 | Fax: 212-223-0748.

It is the Committee's usual practice to invite six (6) finalists to a luncheon in New York City during February or early March. Following this meeting, two (2) of these finalists will be awarded a scholarship for graduate study in Scotland.

Yours sincerely,

Samuel F. Abernethy, Chairman
Scholarship Committee
IMPORTANT NOTICE

As the Society moves towards streamlining its own application process we would like to announce that we have begun distributing the application packet in an electronic format. With that in mind please forward the contact details and email to whom the packet should be sent next year to Brigid Tucker at office@standrewsny.org.
Name (please print)

(last) (first) (middle)

Current Mailing Address:

(street & number) (city) (state) (zip)

Permanent Address (if different from above)

(street & number) (city) (state) (zip)

Tel. Numbers: Home School / Cell

Email address:

Date of Birth Place of Birth

Citizenship Status

Current Undergraduate School:

Current Program of Study:

Scholastic average: in all subjects in major fields

Describe grade system used

Please enclose an original sealed copy of your most recent transcript.

Proposed graduate Institution: 1st Choice

Name:

Degree:

Area of Study:

Date of application:

Contact person at University:
Proposed graduate institution; 2nd Choice (if applicable)

Name: ____________________________

Degree: ____________________________

Area of Study: ____________________________

Date of application: ____________________________

Contact person at University: ____________________________

Please describe your Scottish lineage.

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List all schools or colleges you have attended, beginning with the high school or preparatory school from which you graduated, whether or not any credit was received for courses taken.

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If you have studied abroad, indicate below the University, field of study, location, and dates attended.

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If you have been out of school for more than 4 consecutive months at any time since graduation from high school, please give details. You may use an extra sheet of paper, if necessary.

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Please list the names, titles and contact information of the two persons from whom you have requested references. These persons should be other than a relative, and should be able to speak to your work, academic and/or personal qualifications.

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Please list jobs or positions you have held -- in reverse chronological order -- starting with present position.
(Please attach a current CV with this application)

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If you receive an appointment as a St. Andrew's Society scholar, please indicate below how you plan to pay for your study beyond the scholarship amount. Your financial arrangements should be confirmed prior to accepting a Saint Andrew's Scholarship. Please contact your target Scottish school and identify their annual costs for your financial planning.

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Please list any academic or other honors and awards you have received.

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In your own words -- on an attached sheet -- please compose a thesis/proposal that addresses the following:

1. why you wish to continue your education beyond the present year;
2. why you wish to study in Scotland and how this study will contribute to overall goals.

Your answer to each question need not exceed 200 words.

* Please list extracurricular activities that reflect your membership or participation in groups or teams showing leadership, skills, and excellence in performance or high degrees of responsible activity with others.

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Have you ever been arrested, convicted or pleaded guilty to the violation of any law (except minor traffic violations), or been required to appear before any civil or criminal investigation authorities? If so, explain.

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Name, address, and occupation of parent(s) or guardian(s):

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Additional Remarks:

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Certification: I certify that the information I have given in this scholarship application is complete and correct in every aspect, to the best of my knowledge, and that I will provide transcripts or other available documentary evidence, when requested, to support the statements I have made.

Date __________________________ Signature __________________________

(Please refer all questions regarding curricula to The Secretary of the University you wish to attend. We are unable to advise on such details.)

Application check list:

_______ Completed Application
_______ Endorsement Letter from President of College/University
_______ Most recent official transcript (sealed)
_______ Two letters of reference
_______ Current CV
_______ Proof of Citizenship
_______ Essay responses
_______ Proof of financial need