



COMA

SYLVIA STEIN SCHOLARSHIP 2017 GUIDELINES

The Connecticut Westchester Mycological Association, established in 1975, has created a scholarship program in honor of Sylvia Stein, a founding member of COMA. Sylvia was an amateur naturalist, mycologist, and educator. She was an inspiring teacher, frequent lecturer on mushroom identification and recipient of the NAMA Harry and Elsie Knighton Service Award for her lifelong contributions to amateur mycology.

As an organization of volunteers and committed amateur mycologists, our hope is that this scholarship program will stimulate further interest and study in the amazing world of fungi. The Sylvia Stein Scholarship provides financial support to an outstanding applicant wishing to advance and share their knowledge of mycology and mushroom identification, by attending a mycology-related educational event or by creating a mycology-related project.

Scholarship Guidelines

- The total 2017 COMA scholarship fund is \$1,500
- Individuals may request funding by submitting a completed application
- Individual scholarship awards will not exceed \$300
- Applications will be received on a rolling basis
- Only mycology related events or projects are eligible for consideration
- Applicant must be a current member of COMA for at least one year
- Preference will be given to events held in the Northeast
- Events must be no more than 12 months after the application submission date
- Recipients are expected to lead a minimum of 3 COMA walks
- Recipients are expected to submit an article to COMA's quarterly newsletter *Spores Illustrated* to share their experience
- COMA does not assume liability for activities associated with this scholarship

Suggested events include attending COMA's Mushroom University, Eagle Hill Institute, New York Botanical Garden, forays, mushroom-related workshops, etc. Mycology projects involving cultivation, photography, microscopy, culinary arts, crafts, etc. are also eligible. Priority will be given to projects designed to increase the applicant's ability to aide club members with mushroom identification.

Clarification: An applicant's personal financial situation is neither a requirement for eligibility nor a factor in scholarship determination.

Submit completed applications to: COMAscholarship@comafungi.org

CONNECTICUT-WESTCHESTER MYCOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION
 **COMA** SYLVIA STEIN SCHOLARSHIP
2017 APPLICATION

Applicant Information

- Name _____
- Address _____
- Email address _____ Phone _____

Event Information

- Event title, date(s), host, sponsor, etc. _____

Project Summary

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On a separate piece of paper **please respond to the following 3 topics:**

1. Your interest in mycology
2. What qualities, accomplishments or factors make you a strong candidate for this scholarship
3. Your past, current or planned involvement with COMA

Your response should be 250 to 500 typed, double spaced words. Responses should be proof-read for grammar and spelling errors. Only completed applications that are presented in an easily legible format will be considered. Please include your name and contact information on each page.

Event or Project Expense Summary

Outline total personal expenses, including other stipends, scholarships or honorariums you expect to receive. Submit a scholarship request amount and attach any supporting documents.

<u>Category</u>	<u>Amount (\$)</u>
Total Event or Project Expense	
Funding Requested	

Scholarship Requirements

- Lead a minimum of 3 COMA walks
- Submit an article to *Spores Illustrated* documenting your experience

Application Submitted by: _____
(please print clearly)

Signature: _____ Date: _____