

Lee Lewis Study Grant Guidelines

Application Process

Lee Lewis' hallmark was a constant drive for the exchange of ideas. Since the inception of the idea of a regional association of handspinners, it was Lee's dream to establish some kind of educational support to individuals interested in increasing their skills and knowledge of the craft of handspinning.

After her death, her family presented NwRSA with Lee's extensive craft library, yarns, fibers and tools. The yarns, fibers and tools were to be sold, the proceeds to go to NwRSA as a gift.

We wish to use this money to forward Lee's dream and establish an annual grant to expand the knowledge of the craft of handspinning through individual research and study.

- Applications may be from Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana as well as Associate members of NwRSA, but excluding current Grants Committee members.
- Applicants should submit two references from persons of credible reputation in the spinning community who know the applicant's work.
- Applicant will provide a curriculum vitae covering applicant's past study efforts.
- Applicant's proposal will include a planned budget for expenses with time lines reflecting when funds need to be released.
- The total amount awarded to the applicant is based on merit of the study grant, depending on funds available. It is possible only a portion of the amount requested will be awarded. If there are no proposals in a given year which met the criteria of the judges for a grant, none will be given.
- Any grant recipient should be willing, if asked, to give an instructional workshop to guide prospective grant applicants the year following the receipt of the grant at the annual Conference.
- Successful applicant should be willing to serve as future Grants Committee member if requested.
- Applicant will receive notice of application status from the Grants Committee corresponding secretary.
- Applicant will be given one year to complete the study. Ongoing applications accepted with no particular deadline. The recipient will be chosen and announced at NwRSA annual conference, which is usually the first weekend in June each year.
- Grant recipient will provide, to the Grants Committee Chairperson, a written status report of the study by November 1st of the year in which the grant is awarded.
- The following year at Conference, the study for which the grant was awarded will be presented in public forum, i.e., lecture, exhibit, slide show, etc. Grant recipient is responsible for contacting the Conference chairman in a timely fashion to schedule time and place for this presentation (by November 5th).

- Signature of the applicant is indicative of the understanding that if the grant recipient does not present results of the study, or if the objective of the grant is not met in one year, there will be a penalty. The grant money must be returned with interest linked to the prevailing rate at the time the grant was awarded. The discretion of the Grants Committee will be exercised in extenuating circumstances.
- If applicant chooses to published the results of the study, (i.e., Interweave Press), NwRSA will be contacted for permission and acknowledged as provider of the grant. NwRSA library will keep a copy of the study available for circulation.
- Successful grant recipients are eligible to apply for another Lee K. Lewis Grant after three years from the date of award. (For example award made in 1999, next application can be made for the 2002 grant.)

Application Specifics

Legal name, address, city, state, zip and telephone number must be supplied. A fee of \$4.00 to cover mailing costs will accompany each application.

Grants applications will begin with a summary letter outlining purpose, background, amount requested and time line. Please include a brief narrative describing your qualifications.

Questions to be Answered on Application

1. What is your proposed area of study? Be specific about the basic purpose of the study.
2. Why is this study important and to what audience?
3. Have other studies of this type been documented before? If yes, what was learned and where was it published?
4. How do you expect to go about this study?
5. How much funding is needed and when do you need it?
6. What expenses will the grant be expected to cover?
7. A copy of this study is to remain in the NwRSA library after the year's work is complete. What form will this reference material take?

Interested applicants write to
the Grants Committee Corresponding secretary for a prospectus.
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