

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

Florence Schook School of Numismatics

SUMMER SEMINAR

2026 Charles O. Browne Scholarship Application (Ages 15-25)

Session 1: June 20-25 Session 2: June 27-July 2



INFORMATION FOR APPLICANT

Tips for all applicants:

Pay attention to details and follow the instructions. Your application should be concise and direct. Reveal interesting things about yourself and describe how your strengths, achievements, and passions make you a strong candidate for a scholarship. In other words, impress us. The selection committee reviews dozens of applications. They will look upon your application favorably if your essays are free of typos and grammatical errors, and if you include all and only the materials requested. If you have questions or concerns, please contact us.

DEADLINE: January 30, 2026

Applications and registration form must be postmarked on or before January 30, 2026. **No exceptions.**

Eligibility: This scholarship is in memory of Charles O. Browne, one of the great instructors of the Advanced United States Coin Grading and Problem Coins class at Summer Seminar. **The scholarship will be awarded to students ages 15-25 taking the Advanced United States Coin Grading and Problem Coins class.** The applicant must be an ANA member ages 15-25. Applications may be typed, but the applicant must personally complete the application and one-page essay.

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Selection Process: Scholarships are awarded on the basis of merit. Each application is thoroughly reviewed by a selection committee and scored according to the following 90 point system:

MAXIMUM POINTS & CATEGORIES

- 60** Involvement, leadership and accomplishments
- 30** Essay and written parts of application
- 10** Overall impression of selection committee

Important Information for Parents With Minors:

Beginning on the next page, parents will find "IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS." Parents need to review this information thoroughly with their child prior to submitting a scholarship application. Topics include counselor supervision, unsupervised times, class attendance, curfew, rules, policies, dress code, and more.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

For Parents With Students Ages 15-17



FIRST-TIME APPLICANTS: First-time applicants are generally younger and may be relatively new to numismatics. The committee will give first-time applicants special consideration by placing more emphasis on the applicant's collecting interest and their commitment to pursuing a numismatic education.

PREVIOUS SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS:

We encourage previous scholarship recipients to list their past Summer Seminar accomplishments on their applications. After all, for many YNs, the time spent in Colorado Springs each summer is the biggest numismatic event they will participate in all year. For returning YNs, the committee will be placing more emphasis on how the applicants used their previous Summer Seminar education to further their numismatic involvement and accomplishments.

DEAR PARENTS: The following information is provided to assist you in determining if the ANA's Summer Seminar would be a suitable program for your child. Summer Seminar is an adult-level conference in an open-campus college setting. A parent or legal guardian must accompany any children under the age of 15 wanting to attend Summer Seminar.

COUNSELOR SUPERVISION/YN DORM (AGES 13-17):

The YN dorm has a counselor/front desk attendant on duty around the clock. YNs must check-in/out with the attendant on duty every time they arrive or depart from the dorm. Additional counselors are on duty before and after class, and in the cafeteria during meals.

INSTRUCTOR SUPERVISION/CLASSROOM TIME:

During the week, your child will attend the same classes as the adult students. Instructors are required to take role at the beginning of class and again after lunch and report any missing students to the conference director.

UNSUPERVISED TIME: Be advised that your child **will not** have counselor supervision when walking to and from class, meals, dorms, and events.

RULES/REGULATIONS: At all times, young numismatist scholarship winners are on the honor system to adhere to camp rules and regulations. We have a zero tolerance policy and a single violation of the camp rules may be considered sufficient cause to remove an attendee from the program. We recommend you thoroughly review the rules/regulations prior to registering. Any previous incidents may forgo any future scholarships.

MEDICATIONS: We cannot administer medication to minors in our program. If a minor needs medication (either prescription or over-the-counter) during the day, we ask that a parent be present to administer the correct dose.

ACCOMMODATIONS FOR PARENTS:

There are several options available to parents accompanying their child. Many parents choose to stay at a nearby hotel and allow their child to stay on campus in the YN dorm for the full "camp" experience. Some children attend class during the day and are under parent supervision at all other times. Parents can even opt to stay in the adult dorms (the child can stay with the parent under parental supervision or the child can stay in the YN dorm under counselor supervision). We are happy to assist you in planning your visit: **(719) 482-9848** or email: **sfortenberry@money.org**

WHAT ARE THE RULES FOR CHILDREN TRAVELING ALONE ON AIRLINES?

(Reminder: ANA requires children under the age of 15 to be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.)

Each airline has their own policy regarding unaccompanied minors and we strongly recommend you contact a travel agent if you are planning to have your child fly alone. This way, while the agent helps you find a competitive price on a ticket, they can also ensure there will be no problems and you are

fully aware of the policies held by the airline you select.

To help with your planning there are a few general policies held by nearly all airlines. Plan on arriving at the airport at least 30 minutes to an hour earlier than you normally would, as you will have to fill out an "Unaccompanied Minor" form at the airline counter. You will also be asked to provide the name of the adult who will be meeting your child at the destination and that individual will have to provide identification before they can take your child. Also, keep in mind that many airlines do charge a fee for the Unaccompanied Minor service, which can range from \$25 to \$100, per direction. These fees are not part of the ticket price and must be paid at the counter before they will issue a boarding pass.

There are also certain flights that unaccompanied minors are not allowed to fly on.

For example, all airlines prohibit unaccompanied minors from flying on the last non-stop or connecting flight of the day. This is another reason we recommend you speak to a travel agent, as it is not always obvious if a flight is the final one of the day. Feel free to reach out to Sheila Fortenberry with the ANA events team for help booking your Summer Seminar flight. She can be reached at **sfortenberry@money.org** or by calling **719-482-9848**, Monday through Friday, 9 am - 4 pm MT. In addition, the airlines have rules stating that minors can only fly unaccompanied on "non-stop" flights and they can and will deny boarding on a connecting flight.

In addition, each airline has their own age limit on what they consider an unaccompanied minor so it is important to check that as well. Most allow children 15 and over to fly without a guardian or adult without being considered an unaccompanied minor but this is something you will want to confirm before booking travel.

RULES & DORM ROOM POLICIES

The following rules and policies will be enforced for all Young Numismatists (YNs) attending Summer Seminar. Penalties for disregarding the rules/policies can result in a private or public warning or can be grounds for immediate expulsion from Summer Seminar.

RESPECT: YN scholarship attendees are expected to act in a mature, responsible and appropriate manner at all times.

YNs are expected to treat themselves and others with respect as demonstrated through their behavior and interactions with others.

MANDATORY MEETINGS: All YNs staying in the YN dormitory or with parents are required to attend a meeting each night at 9:45 pm.

CLASS ATTENDANCE: YNs are expected to attend classes on time and be awake during class hours.

PARTICIPATION: YNs are expected to participate fully in class and in all YN activities, including all YN Auction duties in the evenings and functions unless otherwise excused by the Head Counselor. YN Auction activities take place most evenings of the week.

BULLYING IS NOT TOLERATED: Bullying is when one or more people exclude, tease, taunt, gossip, hit, kick, or put down another person with the intent to hurt another. Bullying can also occur using emails, text messaging, and other less direct methods. An act of bullying, intimidation, violence, or other similar disruptive behavior, by either an individual or a group, is expressly prohibited. This policy applies not only to those who directly engage in an act of bullying but also to those who, by their indirect behavior, condone or support another's act of bullying.

LEAVING CAMPUS IS NOT TOLERATED: YNs are to stay on the campus of Colorado College at all times. If there is a need to go off campus, other than for planned trips, advance permission must be gained from the Head Counselor. This rule applies to all trips off campus, even when accompanied by a parent or other adult guardian.

PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES ARE NOT TOLERATED: The possession or use of illegal drugs, marijuana, cigarettes, chewing tobacco or alcoholic beverages by any YN is unacceptable and not tolerated.

PUBLIC DISPLAYS OF AFFECTION BETWEEN YNS:

Daylight (or moonlight) must be seen between YNs. They may not lie down together at any time. No sitting on each other's lap. No heads in laps, either. No leg or back rubbing. NOTE: This policy is not meant to cover every conceivable situation. It will be up to the counselors to evaluate any questionable situation in regard to this policy.

DORM ROOMS: No girls in the boy's rooms, no boys in the girl's rooms. No one under the age of 18 is allowed in the room of an adult. No one, age 18 or older, is allowed, at any time, to be left alone in the room of a minor.

LOST & FOUND: Report lost and found articles to your counselor.

HYGIENE: YNs are required to shower daily and brush their teeth in the morning and at bedtime.

DRESS CODE: The following dress code will be enforced for all attendees of Summer Seminar, including YNs, staff and counselors:

All clothing shall be neat, clean, and acceptable in repair and appearance and shall be worn within the bounds of decency and good taste as appropriate for Summer Seminar events.

Articles of clothing that display profanity, products, or slogans which promote tobacco, alcohol, drugs, sex or are in any other way distracting, are prohibited.

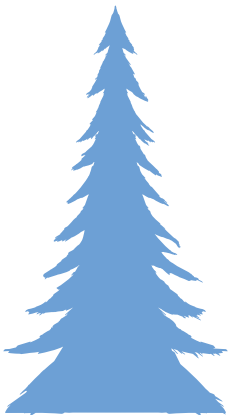
Excessively baggy or tight clothing and clothing advertising gang symbols/affiliation is prohibited.

Items of clothing which expose bare midriffs, bare chests, undergarments, or that are transparent (see-through) are prohibited.

Spaghetti straps, shirts exposing a bare back, halter-tops, and tube tops are prohibited.

Skirts and shorts should be no more than two inches above the knee.

Tank tops with straps wider than one inch are permitted.



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SECTION 1 GENERAL INFORMATION

Must have valid email/working phone number

State Zip I have previously attended Summer Seminar on an

SECTION 2

SECTION 3

INVOLVEMENT AND LEADERSHIP

ORGANIZATION

OFFICES HELD - TITLE & YEAR

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APPLICANT — ATTACH ADDITIONAL PAGES
AS NEEDED & WRITE YOUR NAME AT THE TOP OF EACH PAGE.

SECTION 4 YOUR NUMISMATIC INTERESTS

If you are a first-time applicant or if you have never received or been offered an ANA scholarship, list your areas of numismatic interests and what you collect:

SECTION 5 YOUR EXPECTATIONS

If you are a first-time applicant or if you have never received or been offered an ANA scholarship, what do you hope to gain by attending Summer Seminar?

SECTION 6

ESSAY

On a separate sheet of paper, write a one-page essay on the following topic. Remember to include your name at the top of the page.

Tell us about your experience with coin grading. How would this class benefit you, and why do you believe this class will be a good fit for your numismatic career?



SECTION 7

NUMISMATIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS

On a separate page (or pages) list your numismatic accomplishments in the following:

- **EXHIBITS** you have displayed during the past two years. Please provide the subject, location, club and any exhibit awards received.
- **NUMISMATIC TALKS** that you have given in the past two years. Please provide the topic, location, occasion, date and any award received.
- **NUMISMATIC ARTICLES** that you have written in the past two years. Please provide the subject, publication and date of issue. Attach copies if possible.
- Describe the **NUMISMATIC COLLECTIONS** you are currently building or have completed. Examples: by date, series, type set, theme, denomination, country, registry set, historical event, etc.
DO NOT ATTACH INVENTORY SHEETS.
- **NUMISMATIC RESEARCH** you are currently working on or have completed.
- **NUMISMATIC EDUCATION** you are currently working on or have completed. Example: ANA correspondence courses, ANA seminars, etc.
- **NUMISMATIC PROGRAMS OR EVENTS** you have helped to organize. Examples: coin show, youth program, auction, etc.
- If you are currently (or were previously) **EMPLOYED IN THE FIELD OF NUMISMATICS**, please provide the name of your employer, length of employment and describe your work responsibilities.
- List any **OTHER NUMISMATIC INVOLVEMENT**, leadership or accomplishments we should know about.

SECTION 8

PREVIOUS SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

If you have previously attended Summer Seminar on an ANA scholarship, please answer the following questions on a separate sheet of paper. Remember to write your name at the top of the page.

1. What did you learn from attending Summer Seminar and how have you applied what you learned to your involvement in numismatics?
2. What do you hope to gain by attending another Summer Seminar?
3. What are your numismatic goals for the future?

SECTION 9

COMMITMENT

Each participant, if selected, is expected to attend one full session of Summer Seminar.

To make sure you do not have unavoidable conflicts, please compare your schedule with the program dates before completing your application.

APPLICANT'S COMMITMENT

I have read the attendance policy and commit to attending one full session of Summer Seminar. In addition, by my signature below, I attest that this application, the essay and any additional pages have been completed by me.

Signature of Applicant

Date

PARENT OR GUARDIAN'S COMMITMENT

(REQUIRED FOR MINOR APPLICANTS)

has my full support for the time and personal commitment required to attend one full session of Summer Seminar.

Initial I have received a copy of the "IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS" document and have thoroughly reviewed this information with my child.

Initial I understand that if my child is under the age of 15, he/she must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

Name of Parent/Guardian (please print)

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

APPLICATIONS WILL BE REVIEWED IN CONFIDENCE.

DEADLINE: Summer Seminar scholarship applications must be postmarked on or before **January 31, 2026**

ATTENTION APPLICANT— You must also receive a minimum of two reference letters. Use the three attached forms for this purpose. It is your responsibility to ensure that reference letters are postmarked on or before January 30, 2026. **The person completing the reference, NOT the scholarship applicant, MUST submit reference letters. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

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2026 Reference Form



To be completed by your principal, teacher, counselor, activity leader (e.g. Scouts, band, club, etc.), past or present employer or by an adult who knows you well, **other than a parent or relative.**

Applicant's Name _____

TO THE REFERENCE

The person named above is an applicant for a scholarship to the American Numismatic Association's Summer Seminar and has requested that you complete this form as their reference. The selection committee attaches considerable weight to the statements made by references of the applicant. The committee is aware of the time necessary to prepare such an assessment and gratefully acknowledges your help.

Name of Reference _____

Position/Title _____

School/Firm/Organization _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Please answer the following questions on a separate sheet of paper:

1. How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?
2. What do you consider the applicant's primary talents and strengths?
3. Can you comment on any challenges the applicant might currently be facing?
4. Can you comment on the applicant's general communication skills and behavior?
5. Please comment generally on the applicant's interests and potential for leadership.

Signature of Reference _____ Date _____

DO NOT GIVE THE REFERENCE TO THE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANT. Reference letters MUST be submitted by the person completing the reference, NOT the scholarship applicant—NO EXCEPTIONS.

DEADLINE: Reference forms must be postmarked on or before **JANUARY 30, 2026.**

Return completed reference forms to: American Numismatic Association; Charles O. Browne Scholarship Application, 818 North Cascade Avenue, Colorado Springs, CO 80903-3279 or email to **seminars@money.org**