



ACES Education Fund launched

The Internal Revenue Service has granted tax-free status to the ACES Education Fund, a non-profit corporation that will administer the society's scholarship programs and other educational activities.

The initial support for the fund will come from the ACES treasury in the form of two \$20,000 grants approved by the Executive Committee at its June meeting.

One of the grants will support the general ACES scholarship program, which has given 19 awards of \$1,000 each since 1999. The second grant will support Aubespin scholarships, established in 2002 in honor of Merv Aubespin, the Louisville Courier-Journal editor who became the "godfather" of ACES. Three Aubespin scholars have received \$2,500 awards since 2002.

While ACES may be called upon to provide additional grants for several years, the education fund will receive the proceeds of the silent auction conducted annually at the ACES national conference; those proceeds have always been earmarked for scholarships.

The fund will also solicit tax-deductible contributions from individuals, publishing companies, foundations and other journalism associations.

In addition to providing ACES and Aubespin scholarships, the fund plans to underwrite editing workshops at job fairs and other student gatherings around the country, offer stipends that will enable needy students to attend ACES conferences, and support appearances by society members at colleges and high schools, especially those with high minority enrollments.

The fund's officers, who will serve two-year terms, are John E. McIntyre, president; Carrie Camillo, vice president; and William Connolly, secretary-treasurer. All three are members of the ACES Executive Committee. McIntyre, an assistant managing editor at The Baltimore Sun, also serves as ACES president, and Camillo, a copy editor at The Washington Post, is its treasurer. Connolly retired in 2001 as a senior editor of The New York Times.

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