

MAAO Awards and Scholarships

Do you feel that there is someone that fits the criteria listed below to receive an award? Are you interested in applying for a scholarship? Well, here is your opportunity to nominate someone for an award or to apply for a scholarship. Deadline for all award and scholarship applications is June 1st. Awards and scholarships are presented at the MAAO Annual Meeting held at the MAAO Summer Conference.

The Massachusetts Association of Assessing Officers, through its Executive Board, voted to establish the Robert J. Ellia Executive Director Award. Robert “Bob” J. Ellia was the first executive director for the MAAO. Bob dedicated himself to this position by providing leadership to its Presidents, Executive Board Members, Education Chairmen, all other committee members and assessing peers. Through his mentoring and guidance, Bob helped build the MAAO to a nationally recognized organization that provides some of the best education in the world to its members. Bob was the Dean of Students for many years and believed strongly that the Association was only as strong as its education. This annual award is presented to the assessor who has dedicated himself to mentoring others through leadership guidance and education. This person always strives to teach others about our association to strengthen the profession and should exemplify professionalism, friendship, and leadership to others. Any regular member of the Association may be nominated.

Did you know that we established the Phil Waterman Journalism Award a couple of years ago to recognize those who contribute to the MAAO Newsletter? There is still time to enter for this award, forward an article to adminasst@maao.org and it will be placed in the next issue of the Newsletter and therefore will be in consideration for this year’s award!

The Association has also increased the award for our scholarships to a maximum of \$600. We offer 3 regular scholarships and this year we have also added a new scholarship, the Robert “Bob” J. Ellia Executive Director Leadership Scholarship, for those who seek to take their learning to the next level or have an interest in attending a leadership course (please see the details listed in the scholarship criteria).

All Awards and Scholarships are presented at the MAAO Annual Meeting, at the MAAO Summer Conference, being held at the Red Jacket Beach in South Yarmouth, June 19, 2018.

All applications must be returned to the MAAO *by June 1st* to either adminasst@maao.org or MAAO, PO Box 70, Shrewsbury, MA 01545.

Awards

Wilson Award: The Massachusetts Association of Assessing Officers, through its Executive Board, voted to establish the Wilson Award, which is funded by a generous donation sent to the Association by the late Edward C. Wilson, former Associate Tax Commissioner and Belmont Assessor, in memory of his late wife. This annual award is presented to the assessor who has made the most outstanding contribution to the assessing profession and who has dedicated him/herself to the field of assessing and the community and state he/she represents. Massachusetts Assessors

are asked to nominate a candidate that they feel best exemplifies our profession. Any regular member of the Association may be nominated. [Please click here to download the Wilson Award Application Form.](#)

Past Presidents Award: This award is presented to the assessor who has made outstanding contributions to the Massachusetts Association of Assessing Officers and the goals that the Association espouses. [Please click here to download the Past Presidents Award Application Form.](#)

Phillip J. Waterman Journalism Award: In 2016, the MAAO instituted the Phillip J Waterman Journalism Award. Phil was a past president of the MAAO and was one of the founders of the MAAO newsletter. He served the Association for many years as an officer, instructor, and author of courses for the MAAO education program. We instituted this award in his name to honor his service and dedication to the MAAO. Each year we solicit articles from our membership. All articles published in the MAAO Newsletter will be considered for this award annually.

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Scholarships

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Robert “Bob” J. Ellia Executive Director Leadership Scholarship: Robert “Bob” J. Ellia was the first executive director for M.A.A.O. Bob believed strongly in the educational programs of the M.A.A.O. and advocated to provide learning opportunities that would raise himself/herself to a higher level of recognition through designation programs and other educational opportunities. Bob always strived to be one of the best in the profession and strongly believed we all should do the same.

Eligibility Criteria:

- The applicant must be a member in good standing of the M.A.A.O.
- The applicant must be pursuing a higher designation in the assessing profession from the M.A.A.O. or I.A.A.O.
- The scholarship can be used for educational courses recognized by the M.A.A.O.’s Professional Admissions Committee or a leadership course with prior approval by the M.A.A.O. Scholarship Committee.

MAAO Educational Scholarships: Each year the MAAO offers several scholarships for education programs to deserving applicants.

We offer three annual scholarships:

- Arthur Holmes Scholarship
- Wilson Scholarship
- Past Presidents Scholarship

Eligibility Criteria:

- The applicant must be a member in good standing of the MAAO.
- The applicant must be recertifying or pursuing a designation from the M.A.A.O. or I.A.A.O. (Preference will be given to those individuals in pursuit of their designation).
- The scholarship must be used solely for an MAAO or IAAO educational course that will lead to the designation or recertification.

For All MAAO Scholarships:

Scholarship Requirements:

- Scholarships are to be used by the end of the following fiscal year. In the event that a scholarship is not used within this time-frame due to a personal emergency, the cancellation of a course, or other extenuating circumstance, the recipient may request a one-year extension in writing. No extensions beyond one year will be granted by the Scholarship Committee.
- The scholarship is limited to one course per person per year.
- A maximum of \$600 (amount was changed per vote of the Board to \$600 on 11.14.2017) per scholarship will be granted in any given year.

The Selection Process:

- The application must be filled out in its entirety and returned to the Scholarship Committee.
- The deadline for returning applications is June 1.
- The selection of the recipient(s) will be made by the Scholarship Committee and awarded at the MAAO Annual meeting.
- The Scholarship Committee should avoid any conflicts of interest in regard to the selection process. More specifically, any member serving on the Scholarship Committee must abstain from voting on an applicant from his/her office.