



## **Junior Research Fellows Program**

The Seminole Negro Indian Scouts Historical Society is currently accepting applications for its 2021 **Junior Research Fellows Program**. Fellows, who will be selected from among the younger generation of Scout descendants, will transcribe primary documents and oral history interviews in order to enrich the understanding of the Scouts and their community.

In its inaugural year, the Program will select two Fellows:

### **Mary Griner Nofi Research Fellow in Military History**

The original letters to and from the Scouts detachment form the core of understanding the origins of the Scouts community. This Research Fellow will continue the Society's work of cataloging, transcribing, and indexing military documents pertaining to the Seminole Negro Indian Scouts between 1870-1914. The Society will provide the Fellow with selected letters of historical importance for transcription. Selected transcriptions may be posted on the Society website to be accessed by the public.

### **William "Dub" Warrior Research Fellow in Oral History**

Oral history provides first-hand knowledge of people, places, and events. Handed down from generation to generation, oral history complements written history with nuances not always found in books. This Research Fellow will transcribe audio- and videorecorded interviews of elders. The Society will provide the Fellow with copies of the recordings and a template for transcribing and summarizing their contents. Selected transcriptions and/or summaries may be posted on the Society website to be accessed by the public.

### **Application Requirements**

Applicants must be Scout descendants between the ages of 16-21 with an interest in the history of the Scouts. The Society welcomes applications from all descendants regardless of residency.

### **Timeframe**

The project timeframe is May 1 to July 1, 2021. The Society expects that each project will require thirty to forty hours to complete.

### **Fellowship Award**

Each Fellow will receive a stipend of \$200 at the conclusion of the project. Other benefits include acknowledgement of the Fellow's work on the Society's website and an opportunity to work with researchers who focus on the Scouts and the descendant community.

### How to Apply

- Complete and submit the information and essay requested below by March 15, 2021
- Applicants will be notified of a decision by April 1, 2021
- There is no application fee
- Please direct any questions to [info@seminolenegroindianscouts.org](mailto:info@seminolenegroindianscouts.org)

### Applicant Information

Name:	
Parent Name (if under 18 years old):	
Age:	Scout Ancestor(s):
Email:	Parent Email (if under 18 years old):

### Essay

Please answer **one** of the following two questions. Responses should not exceed **500 words** (approximately 1 ½ typewritten pages, double-spaced).

1. What does it mean to you to belong to the unique community of descendants of the Seminole Negro Indian Scouts?
2. Why are the Seminole Negro Indian Scouts important in American history?

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### About the Society

The mission of the **Seminole Negro Indian Scouts Historical Society** is to preserve, analyze and disseminate the accurate history of the Seminole Negro Indian Scouts and Black Seminoles by:

- collecting and curating research on the Scouts and their community
- cultivating and generating new knowledge about the Scouts' unique role in U.S. History
- developing an online information resource for descendants and the general public

For more information, please visit the Society's website at [www.seminolenegroindianscouts.org](http://www.seminolenegroindianscouts.org).