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## Scholarship Foundation

### **Who is ASF?**

In 1985 then ALOA President, Stanley C. Haney, CPL, established the ALOA Scholarship Fund which was overseen by the ALOA Scholarship Committee – a committee of the ALOA Board of Directors.

In 1993 the ALOA Scholarship Foundation (ASF) was incorporated as an independent, non-profit 501(c)(3), tax-exempt, educational corporation. The purpose of this foundation is to provide funding for locksmith educational programs and assistance to individuals who wish to pursue a career in locksmithing.

### **Is the ASF affiliated with the ALOA organization?**

The ASF board operates independently from the ALOA board of directors, however progress reports are provided to the ALOA board as a courtesy, on fundraisers and scholarships awarded.

The ALOA board of directors elects the ASF board of directors based on recommendations from the ASF board. The ASF board elects their own officers and operates independent of the ALOA board.

### **Who may be board members?**

The board may be anyone within the industry that is willing to volunteer time and resources for the betterment of the foundation. This may include but is not limited to professional locksmiths, manufacturers and distributor representatives/employees.



### **How do you raise funding for the foundation?**

The ASF Board holds fund raising events at conventions although this is beneficial it is not enough to sustain the cause.

This year the ALOA Open Golf Tournament raised \$13,000 for the foundation. We also depend on donations from manufacturers, distributors and locksmiths.

This year, we plan to launch an e-bay type of auction. We are requesting donations from manufacturers, distributors and locksmiths. The donations can be in the form of collectibles, products, equipment and anything that industry personnel would be interested in bidding on. Did I mention that donations are tax deductible!

### **What types of scholarships are awarded?**

Assistance is not limited to the educational training and classes provided by ALOA however ALOA does

have an impressive history in locksmith education. The independent ASF board encourages locksmiths to apply for funding for industry related education that meets the educational criteria of the ASF Board.

The number of scholarships that can be awarded is based on our available funds; however, these could be a full convention educational package, a limited package for classes only or portions of a locksmith educational program offered by other facilities.

In 2008 the ALOA Scholarship foundation provided assistance to eleven aspiring locksmiths/safe technicians that would otherwise not have had the ability to attend continuing educational programs.

If you would like to know how individuals or your businesses could help secure the industry's future and that of a dedicated individual, please contact any board member or the ALOA Headquarters. Remember that donations in the form of cash and products are acceptable.

For those wishing to apply for a scholarship, forms are available from the Education page of the ALOA web site by clicking on the Scholarship Information link, or by contacting the ALOA office. Applicants are reviewed based on character, aptitude skills, and financial needs. Individuals that apply must demonstrate a commitment to the industry and a desire to pursue a career in locksmithing.

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