

ALO A

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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Purpose

The **ALO A Scholarship Foundation (ASF)** is an independent, educational, non-profit 501(c) (3), Tax-exempt Corporation established in 1993 to:

- Encourage and provide for educational services, programs and materials concerning locksmithing and security devices and procedures.
- Develop scholarship and assistance programs for persons interested in pursuing a career in the security and locksmithing field.
- Solicit funds necessary to implement the purposes of the Foundation.
- Perform and do any and all such other acts as are necessary, convenient and proper for the attainment of these objectives.

What are the Scholarships for?

The **ALO A Scholarship Foundation (ASF)** can be an important source for educational funding. We support all locksmith efforts to seek education via technical training and business management from all educational providers. Scholarships are not limited to ALO A educational programs. While ALO A does have an impressive history in locksmith training and testing, the independent **ALO A Scholarship Foundation** encourages locksmiths to apply for funding for any of the following industry related training:

- A full **ALO A** convention package which includes: four or five full-day classes & lab fees w/lunch, 2 evening seminars, 2 half-day classes, 3 days of exhibits and a dinner banquet ticket.
- A full **SAFETECH** convention package which includes: four full-day classes & lab fees w/lunch, 2 evening seminars, 2 days of exhibits and a dinner banquet ticket.
- Sponsored **ALO A Certified Education (ACE)** presentations approved by the Foundation Board.
- Other locksmith training provided by education facilities approved by the Foundation Board.
- Limited travel & lodging to the above events may be awarded depending on individual need and funds available.

Selection Criteria

The ALO A Scholarship Foundation awards scholarships for locksmith education based on several criteria that includes:

- Individual applicants financial needs
- Character
- Aptitude for the skills necessary in locksmithing
- Demonstration of a desire for a career in locksmithing
- Availability to attend the event for which the award is given
- Demonstrated commitment to the locksmith industry
- Letters of recommendation from locksmith industry references.
- Previous Scholarship awards.

Application forms for Scholarships are available from the ALO A web site, in Keynotes magazine, in ALO A & SAVTA booths at local shows and from the ALO A office by request.

Scholarship applications for **ALO A** or **SAFETECH** conventions must be submitted at least **90 days** prior to the first day of the event for which the scholarship is being requested. Scholarships for other educational events must be submitted at least **60 days** prior to the event being requested, in order to be given adequate consideration.

The ALO A Scholarship Foundation Board of Directors awards all scholarships within **15 days after the event deadline** for submission of applications.



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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____ PRP/STPRP Level _____ ALOA/SAVTA# _____

Home Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ D.O.B. _____ / _____ / _____

Fax _____ Email _____

Employer _____ Supervisor's Name _____

Work Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Position _____ Full Time Part Time Take Home Pay _____ per _____

Educational Level _____ (years) Degree/Certification (if any) _____

Previous Recipient? No Yes Date _____ Location _____

Length of Time in Locksmithing _____ (years) Membership in Trade Associations (list by name) _____

Marital Status _____ Number of Dependents _____ Your Annual Gross Income _____

Classes Desired _____ Date of Classes _____

Organization Sponsoring Classes: ALOA SAVTA Other _____ Location _____

If granted an ALOA Scholarship, will you be able to pay for your own air travel/transportation and hotel accommodations? Yes No

If no, please explain (use another sheet if necessary): _____

ALOAScholarships are granted to selected individuals desirous of entering the locksmithing field or to selected individuals already in the locksmithing field who wish to improve their professional skills through education. The ASF Selection Committee on an objective and nondiscriminatory basis will review applications. The Selection Committee shall hold all materials and information pertaining to the applicant's financial status and background in strict confidence. Applications for non-convention classes must be received 60 days prior to the date of the non-convention class desired and will be reviewed as they are submitted. Scholarships for classes at the SAVTA or ALOA convention will be awarded each year preceding the convention and must be received 90 days prior to the event requested.

Please include with this form the most recent tax return and a letter stating: your reason for applying for a scholarship, what you plan to do with the knowledge you obtain and any other information you feel may be helpful to the Scholarship Board in making its decision. In addition, attach three letters of reference from individuals who have personal knowledge of your background and character. The letters should contain their names, addresses and phone numbers. It is helpful if at least one of these references is an ALOA or SAVTA member. All scholarship recipients will be required to provide a 3" x 5" photograph.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Only complete applications will be considered for scholarships. An application is considered incomplete unless ALL of the requested information is received before the deadline: **90 days for SAVTA and ALOA convention** OR 60 days prior to the non-convention classes. Please send this application after checking off each of the items below.

- I have filled in each blank on this form.
- I have written and enclosed a letter explaining my reason for applying.
- I have enclosed three letters of reference (at least one must be from a locksmith or someone in the locksmith industry).
- I am submitting **90 days prior to the SAVTA or ALOA convention classes** OR 60 days prior to the date of another scheduled ACE class or seminar.
- I have enclosed a 3" x 5" photograph.

CERTIFICATION OF APPLICANT

I certify that the information contained herein, and all supplemental forms are complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. I further certify that if I am selected as a scholarship recipient I will use the knowledge gained for the improvement, development and advancement of the locksmithing profession. Also, if asked by an authorized ASF official, I agree to give proof of the information that I have given on this application. I also understand that this proof may include copies of my previous year's Federal Tax Return. I also understand that if no proof is given when requested, I may not receive an ALOA Scholarship Award. I understand that this application is valid only for the event/class specified and is not transferable.

As a potential recipient of a scholarship awarded by the ALOA Scholarship Foundation, Inc. (ASF), for the purpose of receiving specialized training in locksmithing or related fields, and as a condition of accepting this scholarship should it be awarded to me, I agree that, should I fail to complete the training for which the award has been issued, without at least 30 days notice or an excused absence granted by the ASF, at the sole discretion of the ASF, I may be held liable for the amount of the awarded Scholarship and I agree to reimburse the ASF for the amount of the scholarship awarded.

Should an emergency occur prior to or during the training period that prohibits my attendance at or completion of the training, I understand that it is fully my responsibility to contact the ALOA Educational Director to make arrangements to complete the training or obtain an excused absence or I may be liable for the reimbursement of the Scholarship.

Signature _____ Date _____

Please send all completed applications to The ALOA Scholarship Foundation at the address at the top of the page.

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