

Frazine K. Taylor African American Research Scholarship



The **Frazine K. Taylor African American Research Scholarship** (application due December 1 each year) was established on June 7, 2018 by Deborah A. Abbott, PhD, in honor of Frazine K. Taylor upon her retirement as coordinator of the “Researching African American Ancestors” course at the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research. This scholarship for IGHR tuition is open to anyone employed in a repository committed to expanding their knowledge of African American genealogical research. Taylor proposed and organized the first biennial African American course at IGHR in 2004.

Frazine K. Taylor is a former Peace Corps volunteer and administrator who served in the Fiji Islands and traveled extensively in the South Pacific before earning her Master of Information Studies degree from Atlanta University. She has over twenty years experience as a librarian, archivist, lecturer and writer and has received numerous awards during her career including Employee of the Year from the Alabama State Employee Association. She is the former Head of Reference for the Alabama Department of Archives and History (ADAH) and was an expert on Alabama records at ADAH. She is also the author of *Researching African American Genealogy in Alabama: A Resource Guide* published in 2008.

For IGHR 2019, this scholarship is limited to individuals who are interested in enrolling in Course 10 - Building an African American Research Toolbox. Preference will be given to those individuals currently employed in libraries or archives that serve the public in order to expand their educational opportunities. The scholarship will be awarded to the applicant who demonstrates a passion for African American genealogy and the ability to communicate that commitment in writing.

Applications are due by December 1. The winner will be notified no later than December 31. Application details are also available on the IGHR website ighr.gagensociety.org.

Please include the following in your application:

- Name
- Address
- Email
- Phone
- The name of the Library or Archive where you are employed
- The length of time you have worked in a library or archives
- The average number of hours (monthly) spent working with patrons
- In 500 words or less (1 printed page), a description of how participation in this course will benefit your patrons
- A letter of support from a supervisor or colleague

Details on where to send your application will be available soon. Scholarship information has been provided so you can begin working on your application.