

Rehoboth Antiquarian Society Scholarship Committee 2021 Annual Report

The RAS Scholarship Committee met in January to begin the process of awarding our annual second semester scholarship. Committee members included Anna Deignan, Joyce Coleman, and Maureen Whittmore. The one-time RAS Scholarship is awarded each year to a student who exemplifies the mission of RAS to *preserve, promote and enhance the significant historical, educational and cultural assets of Rehoboth, Massachusetts*. Qualifying award candidates live in or near the Greater Rehoboth area and will be enrolled in a post-secondary or graduate program in the fall. Eligible candidates will be studying in fields related to museum or library studies such as history, archaeology, anthropology, conservation, restoration, preservation, or library science. Additional consideration is given to candidates with a demonstrated history of involvement in programs at the Blanding Library or Carpenter Museum. An award of up to \$1,000 is presented to the winner prior to the start of the second semester with the intention of aiding in funding ongoing education.

This year applications are due by June 15, 2021 and can be found on the RAS website: <http://www.rehobothantiquarian.org/ras-scholarship/>. Applicants will be invited for a face-to-face or virtual interview between June 21st and July 2nd. Award winners will be announced no later than August 31, 2021.

The Rehoboth Antiquarian Society's 2021 scholarship was presented to Elizabeth Ulrich on Saturday, January 9, 2021 at the Blanding Library. Elizabeth, a resident of Somerset, is enrolled as a master's candidate at Valdosta State University where she is studying Library and Information Science. Elizabeth is currently employed by the Fall River Public Library as a library assistant. Updating the library's collection, she has expanded cataloging and collections development by digitizing non-print materials including photographs and video on cassette, making them more accessible and available to the public. She is also available to assist patrons with their passport applications as a certified Passport Acceptance Agent. A master's degree in Library Science and Information Science will expand Elizabeth's career opportunities. We wish her the best as she begins this new chapter in her professional life.