

Hagerty Education Program at America's Car Museum Announces Grant Deadlines

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TACOMA, Wash. (Aug. 13, 2015) – Christmas will come early for automotive restoration organizations and colleges. The Hagerty Education Program at America's Car Museum (HEP) has announced its 2015/2016 grant application deadlines for students at colleges, universities, trade schools and other automotive restoration organizations.

HEP supports hands-on, career-based training institutions to prepare young adults for careers in automotive restoration by providing grants that help fund scholarships, internships and apprenticeship programs. Since 2005, HEP has awarded more than \$2.75 million in scholarships and grants to dozens of automotive restoration educational institutions throughout the United States and Canada. May and June 2015 grant recipients include Central Carolina Community College Foundation, Maine Maritime Academy, Pennsylvania College of Technology, Thornton Fractional High School, Wexford-Missaukee Career Technical Center and McPherson College.

"There has been a concern in recent years that fewer young people are learning the trades and skills needed to preserve historic vehicles," said HEP National Director Diane Fitzgerald. "With these grants, HEP offers an opportunity to help institutions continue their commitment to direct education in this field."

Organizations supporting the education and training for young people to learn the specialized skills needed for the collector vehicle industry should apply for these grants by the deadlines below.

Deadlines Announcement Dates

September 1, 2015 October 15, 2015
December 11, 2015 February 4, 2016
April 15, 2016 July 8, 2016
September 2, 2016 October 17, 2016

For additional information, visit the HEP website.

About the Hagerty Education Program at America's Car Museum

The Hagerty Education Program at America's Car Museum (HEP) is a grant-giving program supporting the *pathway to careers* for 18-25 year olds. We are at the center of a movement to preserve the skills and knowledge needed to protect our automotive heritage, by funding educational programs, scholarships and paid internships & apprenticeships. Founded in 2005 by Hagerty and formerly known as The Collectors Foundation, HEP supports hands-on, career-based education in communities around the United States and Canada while promoting America's automotive history



and the interests of the collector community. HEP has awarded more than \$2.75 million in scholarships and grants since 2005. **This is the heart of HEP.** (www.hagertyeducationprogram.org)

About LeMay - America's Car Museum (<u>www.americascarmuseum.org</u>)

America's Car Museum (ACM), named one of *USA Today's* 10 Best Museums in Seattle and KING 5's 2014 Best Museum in Western Washington, is an international destination where families and enthusiasts gather to celebrate America's love affair with the automobile and how it shaped our society. The stunning, four-level, 165,000-sq.-ft. Tacoma, Wash., facility features 12 rotating exhibits, five annual Signature Events and serves as an educational center, hosting students of all ages. For more information about ACM, visit www.americascarmuseum.org.

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