

Deadline Extended to April 25, 2015

NEHTA Announces Laska Award

The New England History Teachers Association is pleased to announce that it will present the eleventh annual Vera and Andrew J. Laska Award for 2015. Previous award winners have come from all the New England states and from both public and private colleges and universities. The award consists of a cash prize of \$2000 and a certificate confirming the award. Any undergraduate college or university student, who is a United States citizen, majoring in or concentrating in United States History, and enrolled for the academic year 2014-2015 in a college or university in New England is eligible for this award. The money is to be used to further the recipient's study of United States History.

The award is named for the late, well-known History Professor, Dr. Vera Laska, a Kidger prize winner, and her husband Andrew J. Laska, who was a successful businessman. Dr. Laska, a native of Czechoslovakia, received her Ph.D. in American History from the University of Chicago. She taught at the University of Illinois, Roosevelt University in Chicago, and for many years at Regis College, where she chaired the Department of History and the Division of Social Sciences. She was the author of over 300 articles and reviews, and seven books, the best known of which are *Women in the Resistance* and *Two Loves of Benjamin Franklin, Women and Diplomacy*. Andrew J. Laska, who served with the anti-Nazi resistance during World War II, was instrumental in founding branches of the Kendall Company in Europe, Asia, and Latin America, and retired as a director of marketing for the company's International Division.

To apply for the award, the student must write a letter of no more than two pages in which he/she affirms that she/he is a citizen of the United States, is majoring or concentrating in United States History, and then discusses: 1) Why the study of United States History is important and 2) How he or she would use the money to further his/her study of United States History. The letter is to be accompanied by an official transcript of the student's grades. The student is also to have a History Department faculty member from his or her college or university send a letter on college or university stationary affirming the status of the student and stating why he or she deserves the award. All application materials must be submitted by February 28, 2015 to: Melissa Beck, Co-Chair of Laska Awards Committee, 130 Lancaster Street, Providence, RI 02906. For questions contact Melissa Beck at MelissaBeck685@gmail.com.