



New England History Teachers Association

Laska Award

The New England History Teachers Association is pleased to announce that it will present the thirteenth annual Vera and Andrew J. Laska Award for 2018. 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 2017-2018 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. Both served with the anti-Nazi resistance during World War II. 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 Laska 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.

Application Process

1. One to two page letter in which candidate
 - confirms they are a citizen of the United States
 - affirms they are majoring or concentrating in United States History
 - responds to the following: 1) Why the study of United States History is important and 2) How the student would use the money to further their study of United States History
 - includes contact phone number and email
2. Official grade transcript
3. Letter from a History Department faculty member from their college or university on college or university stationary affirming the status of the student and stating why they deserve the award
4. All application materials must be postmarked on or before March 31, 2018 and mailed to: Melissa Beck, 66 West Main St., Norton, MA 02766. For questions contact Melissa Beck, Co-Chair of Laska Awards Committee, at info@NEHTA.org