



Dear HeritageRail Alliance Member:

Thank you for your interest in the Stephen E. Patrick Memorial Stipend. We are honored to be able to fund a sponsorship as a memorial to the late Stephen E. Patrick to assist in the cost of attending HeritageRail conferences. The stipend will fund one sponsorship for an individual from a member institution that will be awarded in a competitive application basis.

Stephen Patrick worked tirelessly to advance museum development. Stephen brought his own brand of skills and experience to the Association of Railway Museums from his role as Director of Museums in Bowie, Maryland, including the Huntingdon Railroad Museum.

Sadly, we lost Stephen in 2007, but his ideas and vision live on at HeritageRail. When we endeavored to acknowledge his contributions and establish a lasting memorial, the stipend was a natural. He placed a high priority on our conferences and was a presenter of many programs himself.

We are proud to offer this stipend and to give your organization the opportunity to apply for one \$500 matching sponsorship available for this year's HRA conference. Please read the attached application carefully, paying particular attention to the question (item 2) regarding the role of the designated staffer at your institution.

We encourage you to participate in the process and look forward to your response. Should you have any questions about the process, feel free to contact our Executive Director, Lynette Rickman at (770) 278-0088 or via e-mail at contact@heritagerail.org.



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About the Stephen E. Patrick Memorial Stipend:

As Director of the City of Bowie Museums, Stephen Patrick developed the Huntingdon Railroad Museum at the junction of the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad and its branch to Washington, D.C. Interpreting the history of the railroad which became the Pennsylvania Railroad mainline into the Federal city and the community which was renamed for Oden Bowie, President of the Baltimore and Potomac, Stephen guided restoration of the signal tower, freight station, waiting shelter, and a caboose adjacent to Amtrak's Northeast Corridor. In 1997 the Huntingdon Railroad Museum joined the Association of Railway Museums, and Stephen brought his professional experiences to the service of this broader railway community.

Recognizing Stephen's dedication to museum development, the Association will match a sponsoring member institution's commitment up to \$500 each (on a dollar-for-dollar basis) to provide support toward the lodging, registration, and travel expenses of a **paid or volunteer staff member** attending the Association's Fall Conference for the first time. Applications are due by July 1, and successful applicants will be notified on or before August 1. The early registration fee will apply. The stipend awards will be paid to member institutions within 30 days after submittal, review, and approval of an Association reimbursement form to include copies of receipts for applicable Conference expenses.

Member institutions wishing to support a paid or volunteer staff member (attending for the first time) may apply by:

- 1) Submitting this completed cover sheet.
- 2) Attaching a one page answer to the following question on the member institution's letterhead:
"How does the paid or volunteer staff member support your museum's programs?"
- 3) Delivering this application to: Stephen E. Patrick Memorial Stipend via e-mail or US Mail.

I certify that the _____ will pay up to \$500
Printed Name of Sponsoring Member Institution

towards the lodging, registration, and travel expenses of _____.
Printed Name of Sponsored Staff Member

Printed Name of Director, President, or Board Chairman

Title

Signature

Date