

WYOMING STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY (WSHS) LOLA HOMSHER ENDOWMENT FUND
RULES FOR RESEARCH GRANTS

(See separate application form)

1. Grants of up to \$1,500, contingent upon availability of funds, are awarded for proposals that support research and the preservation and promotion of Wyoming history. Topics must be Wyoming related with an emphasis on original research. If an organization applies, one person must be designated as project director.
2. Applicants must submit one (1) electronic copy of the proposal to the [applications portal](#) **before midnight the last day of February**.
3. Acceptable uses of grant funds include travel expenses (mileage, airfare, lodging, meals); research related fees (scanning and copy fees, flash drives); and postage. Funds do not support the purchase of equipment and/or software, construction of exhibits, hiring a contractor, or publication costs. Proposals with such requests will be disqualified. If additional information is required contact the Projects (Homsher) Committee Chair, Cheryl O'Brien at cherobrien@dteworld.com or Linda Fabian, WSHS executive Secretary, at linda@wyshs.org.
4. Based on funding, the committee may not grant funds in any given year.
5. Preference will be given to WSHS members.
6. Guidance for these grants comes from the WSHS Projects (Homsher) Committee.
7. After the committee makes its decision, the Executive Secretary notifies ALL applicants of the outcome by the first of June. A check for total approved grant funds is sent after the committee selects the awardees.
8. The award also includes a complimentary one-year membership in WSHS if a recipient is not already a member.
9. The Society publishes information about the awards in the WSHS newsletter *Wyoming History News* and sends press releases statewide and to other specialty publications. Upon recipient's request, a press release can be provided to a hometown newspaper.

RECIPIENTS RESPONSIBILITY:

1. Upon receipt of the funds, recipient will send a letter of acknowledgement to the committee chair and/or the Executive Secretary.
2. All projects must be completed in **one year**. An extension may be requested for extenuating circumstances.
3. Two interim reports are required by end of month September and January. [Interim reports](#) are to be submitted online. However, if your project is finished, simply provide a [final report](#).
4. Upon completion/expenditure of funds, a [final report](#) must be submitted online.
5. A courtesy copy of the final project, i.e. book, DVD, etc. should be mailed to the WSHS Executive Secretary at P.O. Box 247, Wheatland, Wyoming 82201 or sent electronically to linda@wyshs.org.
6. WSHS must be acknowledged in all aspects of the project, i.e. publicity, forewords, etc. A copy of the Society's official logo is available upon request.
7. Written projects may be considered for publication in the Society's scholarly journal, *Annals of Wyoming: The Wyoming History Journal*. Awardees are also encouraged to submit an article to WyoHistory.org and to present their awarded projects at a WSHS meeting or any WSHS affiliated chapter meeting.