

Book Passage Scholarship Opportunities

Writing

Those primarily interested in honing their writing skills are encouraged to apply for the **SATW Foundation Paul Lasley Scholarship to Book Passage.**

Long-time faculty member Paul Lasley never met a stranger. After Paul's death in 2021, we heard that repeatedly from those who knew him and all those (which was everybody) who benefited from his warmth and his willingness to share his knowledge.

Besides originating hundreds of radio shows, Paul was active in SATW (Society of American Travel Writers), serving as its president 2015-16; the SATW Foundation (a nonprofit that supports, celebrates, and sustains excellence in travel journalism) as a board member; and as a faculty member with his wife, Elizabeth, at the Book Passage Travel Writers & Photographers Conference.

Photography

Those primarily interested in honing their photographic skills are encouraged to apply for the **SATW Foundation Ed Stone Scholarship to Book Passage.**

Ed Stone was gracious and charming, and his smile could melt glaciers. He was a paragon of professionalism and integrity in his travel and tourism public relations work — as vice president of marketing and PR at Nashville’s Grand Ole Opry and Opryland Hotel for many years, and later as head of his own communications company.

He brought those gifts to SATW, where he worked on many conventions, and to the SATW Foundation, where he served as a Board member. Among Ed’s loves, which included golf, country music, and Fran, his wife of 53 years, was photography. The multimedia slide shows he created in his public relations work won rave reviews, and he brought that sharp eye as well to his work and collaboration on the annual Lowell Thomas Travel Journalism Competition videos.

After Ed’s death in 2022, the Foundation established this scholarship, a fitting tribute to someone who consistently encouraged talented, budding photographers and who always understood the importance of photography in travel storytelling.

Both scholarships were created to support Book Passage’s core purpose: to open the world to readers and viewers, narrow the gaps between countries and cultures, and deepen our understanding of different people and places.

Who is eligible to apply?

Both scholarships are open to:

1. Anyone trying to break into the craft, who has fewer than two years of professional experience is eligible.
2. Students who have never attended a Book Passage conference or who have attended not more than once may apply.
3. Anybody who meets these criteria may apply. You need not be a member of SATW to apply.

How to apply for the scholarships:

Those applying for the SATW Foundation Paul Lasley

Scholarship: Please explain in 500 words or fewer, why travel matters to you and to the world right now, and how your mastery of the craft can help inspire travel.

Those applying for the SATW Foundation Ed Stone Scholarship:

Please send 6 photographs that demonstrate a basic technical

understanding of photography. Photographs should be submitted as jpeg attachments.

Those applying for either scholarship: Please *also* write a paragraph of 100 words or fewer explaining why you are the ideal candidate for this scholarship.

For the **Paul Lasley Scholarship**, please email your materials to BookPassageLasleyScholarship@gmail.com.

For the **Ed Stone Scholarship**, please email your materials to BPPhotographyScholarship@gmail.com.

Please include your name, address, email address, and cell or other phone number. **Entries must be received by 11:59 p.m. Pacific Time, Monday, June 22, to be considered.**

Judging

Submissions will be evaluated by Book Passage staff and faculty. Work will be evaluated on the applicants' potential and clarity of thought. The recipients will be announced by July 8.

These scholarships are designed for all who have a thirst to meet other like-minded journalists, learn from experienced editors and photographers, and pay their success forward as Paul and Ed did.

Questions? Write to Conference Coordinator Kathryn Petrocelli at kathryn@bookpassage.com.

We encourage you to apply for these outstanding opportunities. We look forward to hearing from you.

Please note:

**Applicants may submit for both scholarships.*

**These scholarships are for the conference only. They do not include airfare or accommodations.*