



ROYAL GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

G W SYMES AWARD

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G W SYMES BEQUEST APPLICATION

Closing date 31 December each year

Up to \$750 is available

The Council of Royal Geographical Society of S.A. encourages research into various aspects of the geography, historical geography and environmental issues of South Australia or the Northern Territory.

Major-General George William Symes CB, MC settled in South Australia in 1949 after a distinguished career in the British Army including service during WWII. He took an active part in the life of South Australia and was Private Secretary to the Governor from 1956 to 1964. His interest in historical geography led him in 1949 to join the Royal Geographical Society of Australasia, South Australian Branch.

When he died in 1980, he left a bequest to the Society with instructions that the interest from that bequest was to be used to provide awards for historical research into the history of South Australia and the Northern Territory in so far as the latter affects the history of South Australia.

The next GW Symes Award will be conferred at the Society's Annual Awards evening held in Adelaide. The Award will comprise a formal certificate of recognition and a cash prize of up to \$750.

The Society has determined that the Award should be made to a worthy recipient who has authored an academic, peer-reviewed paper that relates to the history of South Australia (or the Northern Territory in so far as it affects the history of South Australia recognising the intimate historical links between these two jurisdictions) and that is substantially informed by the discipline of geography.

The papers to be considered may include already published papers or papers authored as part of an undergraduate or masters thesis. The paper should have been finalised in the last two years.

Any authors who wish to have their works considered for this prize should submit them to the Society by no later than 31 December. The Society will consider all papers that meet the above criteria and the decision of the Society shall be final and in its complete and unfettered discretion.

Applications are assessed in February and March each year through the Society's Research and Awards Committee.

Please note the following:

1. Applications must be made using the headings provided on the application pro-forma.
2. In the case of **students** the application **must be signed by the supervisor**.
3. In other cases the **names of two referees** who can comment on the project and testify to the research ability of the applicant should be included.
4. The grantee may be invited to address a meeting of the Society on the subject of the paper or have the paper published by the Society. (No fee is payable in this connection.)



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Name		
Address		
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Current academic status		
Research paper Title		
Brief précis of paper and how it is it related to the history of South Australia and the Northern Territory in so far as the latter affects the history of South Australia.		
STUDENTS Signature of supervisor, comment about value of research project and supervisor's contact details	Supervisor: Contact Details: Comment:	
OTHER APPLICANTS Names of two referees and referees contact details	Referee 1: Contact Details: Referee 2: Contact Details:	
Your signature as an agreement to allow the Society to publish the research.		
Signature of applicant		