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### **Information on the Mrs. Simon Baruch University Award**

The Mrs. Simon Baruch University Award is given by the United Daughters of the Confederacy® to the author of a previously unpublished monograph or full-length book manuscript dealing with Confederate history, including the ante-bellum period, the causes that led to secession and the War Between the States, the 1861-1865 war years, and the post-War period. The award is presented in even-numbered years and consists of a \$500 author's award and a \$2000 publication award.

**History of the award.** The award in its current form traces its origin to 1904, when the UDC's University Prize Committee began an annual Confederate history essay contest at the Teachers College of Columbia University in New York City. This essay contest continued until 1921. In 1923 at the suggestion of committee chairman Miss Armida Moses, the UDC established fundraising for a \$10,000 endowment for Southern history award studies to be given at any university in the United States. In 1925, well-known philanthropist Bernard Baruch gave the UDC the entire amount in order to endow the award in memory of his mother, Mrs. Simon Baruch. Mrs. Baruch, the wife of a Confederate veteran, had been an early UDC member and a generous financial supporter of UDC projects.

**Eligibility.** Those eligible to submit monographs/manuscripts to apply for the award are those: a) who have received a graduate-level degree from a college or university in the United States within the past 15 years; or b) whose thesis or dissertation has been accepted by a college or university in the United States.

**Submission of monographs/manuscripts.** A monograph is defined as a study containing 25,000 to 75,000 words; a full-length book manuscript is defined as a study of more than 75,000 words. All documents are to be submitted by hard copy, single-sided and double-spaced, in scholarly form, based, at least in part, upon primary sources, and include a title page, footnotes, bibliography. A letter from the college or university showing dates of attendance, the complete biographical data of the author, and a photograph (head and shoulders only) of the author must also be included. In addition to the required hard copy, documents may also be submitted on diskette or CD. Documents shall be sent to the chairman of the Mrs. Simon Baruch University Award Committee no later than May 1 in even-numbered years.

**Judging of monographs/manuscripts.** All submissions are judged by three noteworthy historians chosen by the United Daughters of the Confederacy®. In order to safeguard the

authors' identity, the committee chairman removes the title page and biographical data prior to sending documents to the judges. The judges make recommendations to the committee chairman and the committee makes the final decision. The committee chairman notifies the author whose document is chosen.

**Publication requirements.** The winning author is responsible for making all publication arrangements. The published document must contain: a) acknowledgment that it has won the *Mrs. Simon Baruch University Award sponsored by the United Daughters of the Confederacy*<sup>®</sup>; and b) a list of previous award winners as listed in this brochure. Twelve complimentary copies of the published document shall be given to the UDC.

**Payment of award.** The \$500 author's award is sent to the author upon confirmation that the document has been accepted by a publisher. The \$2000 publication award is paid as follows: \$1333 sent to the author or publisher upon confirmation that the document has been accepted by a publisher or when a publishing contract is signed; \$667 sent to the author or publisher upon confirmation/completion of publication. If publication is not completed within four calendar years of the award notification, the award is forfeited and all monies shall be returned to the UDC.

**Recognition of the award.** The author is invited to attend (at his or her expense) the Welcome and Historical Evening of the Annual General Convention of the UDC held in November of the award year. At this time the author will be recognized and presented a Certificate of Merit by the organization.

**Disposition of monographs/manuscripts.** All documents and photographs submitted to the UDC shall become UDC property. The photograph of the winning author shall be printed in the *UDC Magazine* and the monograph/manuscript retained in the UDC Memorial Building in Richmond, Virginia. The committee chairman shall return all other documents to their respective author. Authors may resubmit their monograph/manuscript (in the same draft or a reworked draft, at their discretion) in the future.

**Inquiries.** Inquiries concerning this award should be directed by mail to the Chairman, Mrs. Simon Baruch University Award Committee, UDC Business Office, 328 North Boulevard, Richmond, VA 23220-4057, by phone at (804) 355-1636, or by e-mail at [hqudc@rcn.org](mailto:hqudc@rcn.org).

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