

"Give to Grow"

Give to ASF - Grow the Locksmith Profession

AN INTRODUCTION...

My name is Tom Resciniti Demont, and I am the newly elected President of the ALOA Scholarship Foundation (ASF). My board members are Lynn Best, Vice President (Kaba Ilco Corp.), Kristy Emerick Secretary/Treasurer (Professional Business Products), Clyde Roberson (Medeco High Security Locks), Bill Fleming (Lucky Line), Julie McCluney (Keedex), Bobby DeWeese (Bear Lock), Mark Blum (Marks Lock Shop), and Gordon Racine (Racine Locksmithing & Security). I should also include our webmaster, William M. Lynk (ICLS). This group of dedicated individuals gives their time and money to award as many scholarships as they can.

The ASF is a separate corporation from the Associated Locksmiths of America (ALOA) and is run by an independent Board of Directors. Although both organizations have similar goals: to expand and grow the locksmith profession, scholarship decisions are made by the ASF Board.

The ASF Board members are volunteers who are not compensated for their time and expenses associated with the operation of this board. They do it because their goal is to grow the ASF, support the future of the security industry and give away as many scholarships as possible to needy locksmiths who apply for an educational scholarship.

I was surprised to find out that most locksmiths have no idea what the ASF is all about. The ASF is a United States Federal 501 C 3 nonprofit corporation and all donations are tax deductible. We have specific funds set up to for legendary individuals like AJ Hoffman, Harry Miller, and Stan Haney. Monies can be donated and earmarked for specific funds. Our general fund is the catch all for donations.

I would like to thank all of you that give when you paid your annual dues. There is a box under your dues amount for an optional donation to ASF and another one for Legislative Action Fund, and we encourage shop owners to take advantage of this great program. Training apprentices is our primary goal, and the applicants do not have to be a member of ALOA. With their scholarship, they will be given an ALOA apprentice membership for one year, compliments of ALOA.

SCHOLARSHIP IN NAME

In the past, we have been able to use the interest from our investments to fund the scholarships but as you may know; our investments are not earning any interests that would fund even a single apprentice. This past year we reached out to our manufacturing partners, and six companies stepped up and donated \$1,200.00 each to fund an apprentice. The companies are ABLOY High Security Locks, Arrow Architectural Hardware, ASSA High Security Locks, Medeco High Security Locks, Mul-T-Lock High Security Locks, and KABA (Kaba Ilco Corp. and Kaba Access Controls).

These six companies allowed us to give seven scholarships this year. The program is called ASF *Scholarship in Name*. The ASF Board and our scholarship recipients ask that you to please support these devoted and generous companies and the products they manufacturer. When we sent out the ASF *Scholarship in Name* to all of the industry associations, only Vernon Kelly, CMIL from ILA stepped up and donated \$250.00 to support this effort. Thank you, Vernon for your continued support to the ASF.

Scholarship in Name is not just for manufacturers - it is also for distributors, locksmith companies and industry associations to help grow the locksmith profession. This year we plan to get our notification out early so our new program will be in the hands of the decision makers in order to have another great year of scholarships.

If you have a worthy apprentice in your shop that you want to sponsor for an ASF scholarship, go to <http://www.securityscholarship.org/> or www.aloa.org and download the documents you will need to apply for the scholarship.

Does the ASF only take cash donations? No, the ASF accepts anything that can be resold. The ASF has a warehouse in Dallas, Texas at the ALOA Headquarters where we inventory donated materials that come in from locksmith companies all over the world, including manufacturers and locksmiths donating discontinued and older material.

If you are in a “buying mood” go to: <http://www.securityscholarship.org> and download the list of materials that are for sale. You will be able to save thousands by buying in bulk and negotiating for large quantities.

If you are in the “donating mood” pack up what you want to donate and mark the crates ASF DONATION and call Bob Stafford, CML at (214) 819-9733 ext. 102 and let him know what you are shipping and when you anticipate the arrival.

SUPPORT THESE GREAT COMPANIES

Industry partners like Allstate Insurance and Professional Business Products donates in excess of \$1,000.00 each year to support ASF. This money comes from you, their clients, who use and purchase their services. This includes manufacturing partners such as: AMSEC, Arrow, ASSA, Detex, Glen Johnson, Kaba Access, Kaba Ilco, Lucky Line, Medeco, Monitronics, Schlage, and Strattec Von Duprin

On behalf of the entire **ASF Board of Directors**, I want to thank all of our sponsors, donors and supporters for their continued support of the ASF.

Sincerely,

Tom R. Demont

ASF President

