

Donations

AAFA budget and financial plans call for member donations over and above fees and dues. We know that some can better afford to give than others, and we do not want to deny membership to those who might not be able to pay higher fees or dues. It was agreed at the annual meeting that AAFA would make one annual request for donations in the newsletter. Therefore, forms and envelopes will be provided in this issue!

The 1988 budget, for which current donations apply, projected that 29% of the annual revenue would come by donation. Raymond Alford of Woodbridge, VA, very generously kicked this off with a \$500 donation at the annual meeting. However, receipts are still not adequate to meet the budget target. All members are encouraged to give what they can afford. No gift is too small—or too large!

When the board of directors approved the design of the Alford family emblem, it was recognized that it was not a budgeted item, but the board felt that members would be willing to donate to cover the \$200 involved.

Elsewhere in the newsletter is an article about the Alford library and another about a long range plan for an Alford building. Part of your donations will be for the library. At a later time a special fund for the building will be considered, and if practical some funds may be transferred from the general fund to a building fund. Unless you specify otherwise, any funds donated hereafter will be used for general research and operations.