

## **John Young History Maker Celebration Event and Scott Harris Memorial Scholarship Award Information Sheet**

The Historical Society of Central Florida, Inc. established the John Young History Maker Scholarship as part of the John Young History Maker Celebration event. The John Young awards were established in 2005 in honor of Astronaut Captain John Young, the longest serving astronaut who grew up in Orlando, reflecting the mission of the History Center: To Honor the Past, Explore the Present to Shape the Future. The awards recognize individuals in Central Florida whose lifetime achievement has created a lasting positive impression in our community. The 11th Annual John Young History Maker Celebration event will be held Wednesday, April 5, 2017 in Orlando, Florida.

The Future John Young Award recognizes a Central Florida high school senior (when funding is available more than one) who is attending college/university with the goal of making a difference (making history) in future lives in a positive way. The scholarship's name was changed to recognize Scott Harris, anchorman at Central Florida News 13, who played an integral role as emcee in the program until his passing in 2011.

### **About the Orange County Regional History Center**

The Orange County Regional History Center, housed in a restored historic five-story 1927 courthouse in downtown Orlando, showcases the vast collection of the Historical Society of Central Florida, Inc. The museum features three floors of permanent exhibits and presents nationally important limited-run exhibitions. The museum is an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution and accredited by the American Association of Museums. With a mission to *Honor the Past, Explore the Present to Shape the Future*, the History Center works to preserve our local history, act as a representative for the community's artifacts, archives and collections, and through providing a place for non-partisan dialogue on our community and history, through education programs and exhibits, which reinforce that we are all part of history.

The Orange County Regional History Center is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday and from noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday. General admission is \$8; seniors (60+), students, and military with I.D. \$7; and children ages 5-12 \$6. Annual Pass Holders and children ages 4 and under are free. Parking is available at the adjacent Orlando Public Library garage on Central Blvd. For general information, call (407) 836-8500 or visit [www.thehistorycenter.org](http://www.thehistorycenter.org).