

Hands on Stamps: United States 1962—National Apprenticeship Program

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On August 31, 1962, United States issued this commemorative stamp (Fig. 1) to mark the twenty-fifth anniversary of the National Apprenticeship Act (“Fitzgerald Act”) and honor the National Apprenticeship Training Program. This stamp depicts an elder’s hand offering a micrometer (the instrument of the journeyman machinist) to an



FIGURE 1: United States—National Apprenticeship Program. Day of issue: August 31, 1962. Value: 4 cents.

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outstretched young hand, which symbolizes the transfer of skill witnessed through apprenticeship.

Hands on Stamps: France 2009—Fondation De France

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In 1969, the French government established the Fondation de France, a private and independent organization, to promote the growth of all forms of philanthropic activities in France and Europe.¹

The Foundation interests include education, health and medicine, culture, people in difficulty (elderly, disabled persons, and children), the environment, and social and scientific research. It supports people to develop new philanthropic fields.¹

In 2009, France issued a stamp to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Fondation de France (Fig. 1).

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FIGURE 1: Hands are sprouting out from hands and fingers. Country: France. Day of issue: February 5, 2009. Value: 0.55 €.

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