



SOCIETY FOR AMERICAN ARCHAEOLOGY

Student Excellence in Archaeology Scholarship Online Application (2024 AY)

INSTRUCTIONS

Online applications can be started and saved before submitting. **The deadline for SEAS is January 31, 2024, at 11:59 p.m. ET, after which applicants will not be able to change or continue online applications.** If you have any questions, please contact Amy Rutledge at amy_rutledge@saa.org.

Eligibility Requirements

1. You must be a member of historically underrepresented minorities in archaeology, including but not restricted to African American, Hispanic/Latino, Asian American, and other non-European minorities.
2. You must be a citizen or resident of either the U.S. or Canada.
3. At the time of application, you must be enrolled in a regionally accredited university in the United States or Canada, or if outside the United States, a university with equivalent accreditation.
4. If you are a graduate student, you must be in Year 1 or Year 2 of graduate studies. You cannot already have an M.A. degree at the time of application.

Online Application

The SAA online scholarship application has two parts. All students applying for SAA scholarships will be required to fill out the [Society for American Archaeology Scholarship Application 2024 - PART ONE](#). This collects your contact and other information. Based on the information you provide you will be directed to the scholarships for which you are eligible. You must save and submit Part I to move on. You will be able to go back and edit Part I. If you finish with Part I and want to wait to fill out the scholarship application, you will need to resubmit Part I again to move on to the SEAS scholarship application. Please contact Amy Rutledge at amy_rutledge@saa.org if you have any questions.

Required Materials

The following statements are required to be eligible for a scholarship. Answers may be cut and pasted into a text box in your application or uploaded as a separate document. If you are uploading a separate document, please make sure your name is on the document.

1. **Personal Statement:** Tell us how you became interested in archaeology. Briefly describe your personal, educational, and employment history, and if/how these and other experiences (e.g., travel, volunteer work) have contributed to your interest in and your ability to successfully pursue studies in archaeology. How do your career objectives correspond with the goals of the Student Excellence in Archaeology Scholarship? (One page, single-spaced, 12 pt. font.)
2. **Research Interests Statement:** Describe what you hope to learn from studying archaeology, the area(s) of archaeology (geographic and methodological) in which you are most interested, and the contributions you hope to make to the future of archaeology. (One page, single-spaced, 12 pt font.)

3. **Proposed Study Program Statement:** Include a brief description (including dates of the project) of your proposed study program (the field school, archaeological project or activity on which you will volunteer) and how it helps to advance your educational and professional goals. (One page, single-spaced, 12 pt. font.)
4. **Proposed Budget:** Fill out the budget form and explain financial need and how funds will be expended. If there are other justified expenses not listed on the form, you can add them to the sheet. If budget exceeds the scholarship amount, explain how the other costs will be covered. The budget should be realistic and well justified and financial need should be explained. SEAS is up to \$3000 total. (One page, single-spaced, 12 pt. font.) *The budget form is at the end of the instructions and may also be downloaded from the online application platform.*

Recommendation Letter Forms

Please submit two letters of recommendation from individuals familiar with your academic or work background, such as professors or supervisors. Please be sure your recommender states your name in the recommendation.

Recommendations may be uploaded with you application or emailed to amy_rutledge@saa.org by 11:59 p.m. EST on January 31, 2023. The subject line should read "Rec Letter for Last Name of Applicant." The SAA confirms receipt of all emailed recommendations.

Format: Recommendations should be submitted on letterhead and address the following five questions:

1. How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity?
2. What are the applicant's academic strengths and achievements?
3. How committed is the applicant to a career in archaeology?
4. What challenges has the applicant had to overcome that demonstrate their potential for continued success?
5. Why are they deserving of this scholarship?

Deadline and Submission

The complete application must be received by 11:59 p.m. EST on January 31, 2024. Late applications will not be accepted.

Scholarship Notes and Considerations

For the SEAS (up to \$3,000), you do not need to be formally accepted into the program at the time of application. However, scholarships will not be paid until the SAA is satisfied that the awardee has been formally accepted into a program. Normally, the SAA will arrange to pay tuition and other costs directly to the institution; the balance of the award will be sent to the awardee as a stipend.

Applicants are critically evaluated to understand their interest in archaeology and their proposed program of study, their previous accomplishments, and the contributions the applicant hopes to make to the discipline's future. Scoring is based on the completeness of the application, the coherence and clarity of the three statements, a reasonable and justified budget, and compelling letters of recommendation about the applicant's past successes and future potential.

Reporting Requirements

If awarded a scholarship, you are required to report on your experiences. Photographs are encouraged and alternative report formats are welcome, such as websites or exhibits that relate your experiences. The SAA reserves the right to use these reports to promote the scholarship program.

The report is due within one year after the scholarship has been awarded.

SEAS Scholarship Proposed Budget. See instructions at end of document.

Tuition and fees	\$
Airfare/travel costs	\$
Transportation at location	\$
Lodging	\$
Meals	\$
Equipment; itemize below (over \$500)	\$
Supplies, textbooks; itemize below (under \$500)	\$
TOTAL	\$

Budget Justification.

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