



**Application for the Student Excellence in Archaeology Scholarship
(SEAS formerly HUGS)**

By submitting this application, you are affirming that all information provided is correct, and you pledge to fulfill the reporting requirements if you are awarded a scholarship.

Please read the application instructions at the end of this document.

Applications are due by 11:59pm EST on **January 31, 2023**. All materials must be emailed to seas@saa.org. You will receive an email confirmation that your application was received. If you do not receive an email confirmation, please contact Amy Rutledge at amy_rutledge@saa.org.

Applicant Information

Name				Birthdate	
Address					
City		State/Province		Postal Code	
Phone		Email			

SEAS (up to \$3,000 to attend a field school or volunteer on a project)

What is the name of the field school or project? Insert the URL (the link to the field school website)				
Have you been accepted into that field school or project?		Yes		No

If yes, please attach the notification that you have been accepted to that field school or project.

Student Status as of today (select one) and University Affiliation:

First year Sophomore Junior Senior 1st yr Grad Student 2nd yr Grad Student

Name of university, City, State/Province	
Major or department association	

Ethnicity and/or Nationality

What is your ethnicity and/or nationality? How do you self-identify?	
If you self-identify with two or more ethnicities and/or nationalities, please indicate these.	

Personal Statement: See instructions at end of document.

Research Interest Statement. See instructions at end of document.

Proposed Study Program Statement: See instructions at end of document.

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.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. **Personal Statement:** In the appropriate page above, 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:** In the appropriate page above, 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:** In the appropriate page above, 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:** In the appropriate page above, 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.)

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.

Deadline and Submission

The complete application must be received by 11:59 p.m. EST on January 31, 2023. Late applications will not be accepted.

Please keep this application as one document and **rename the file with your last name and first name.**

Email to: seas@saa.org

Recommendation Letter Forms

Two letters of recommendation from individuals familiar with your academic or work background, such as professors or supervisors. They should fill out the **Recommender's Form** and email it to seas@saa.org by 11:59 p.m. EST on January 31, 2023. The subject line should read "Rec Letter for *Last Name of Applicant*." Recommendations may also be submitted on letterhead as long as all five questions are addressed.

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.

Final Check List

	Completed Application Form (including sections on student status and ethnicity)
	Completed Personal Statement
	Completed Research Interest Statement
	Completed Proposed Study Program Statement
	Completed Proposed Budget
	Digital copy of Unofficial Transcripts
	Rename the application file with your last name and first name. Email the whole document to: seas@saa.org .
	Recommendation Letter Form #1. Ask your recommender to email the form to: seas@saa.org Subject line should read "Rec Letter for <i>Last Name of Applicant</i> " (Recommendations may also be submitted on letterhead as long as all five questions are addressed.)
	Recommendation Letter Form #2. Ask your recommender to email the form to: seas@saa.org Subject line should read "Rec Letter for <i>Last Name of Applicant</i> " (Recommendations may also be submitted on letterhead as long as all five questions are addressed.)
	The deadline for receipt of all application materials, including recommendation letters, is <u>11:59 p.m. EST on January 31, 2023.</u>

I certify the following: (a) I am not and have not ever been the subject of a discrimination or harassment lawsuit or related administrative complaint that resulted in an adverse finding; and (b) I do not have and have not had a current or pending disciplinary action such as suspension or termination of registration, resulting from a Register of Professional Archaeologists' grievance investigation.

(Sign here)

**Society for American Archaeology
Student Excellence in Archaeology Scholarship (SEAS)**

**RECOMMENDATION FORM
Student, Please email this to your recommender.**

TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT:

Applicant's Name: _____ Date: _____

Do you waive the right to view this recommendation? _____ Yes _____ No

The applicant is applying for a (Please check one)

_____ SEAS for Undergraduates _____ SEAS for Graduate Students

TO BE COMPLETED BY RECOMMENDOR:

Recommender's name, title, and affiliation: _____

Please provide us with the following information about this applicant's academic and professional qualifications. You may answer on this page or attach a separate letter on letterhead, but please be sure to address the questions below.

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?

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