SOCIETY FOR AMERICAN ARCHAEOLOGY

Native American Scholarships (NAS) Online Application
(2023 AY)

<u>INSTRUCTIONS</u>

Online applications can be started and saved before submitting. **The deadline for NAS is January 31, 2023, 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 <u>amy_rutledge@saa.org</u>.

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:** Explain why you are interested in your proposed program and archaeology or museum studies, and the contributions you hope to make to the future of archaeology or museum studies (up to two pages, single-spaced).

2. **Proposed Study Program Statement:** Only if you are applying for an NSF Scholarship for Archaeological Training, include a brief description below of your proposed study program (up to one page, single-spaced).

4. **Proposed Budget**: Explain your financial need, anticipated resources from other sources and how scholarship funds will be expended (up to one page, single-spaced). Provide a detailed itemized budget which describes all costs. A sample budget table has been provided below, but categories are not exhaustive. *The budget form is at the end of the instructions and may also be downloaded from the online application platform.*

Eligibility Requirements
Scholarships are open to all Native peoples from anywhere in the Americas, Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians, and Indigenous Pacific Islanders. Documentation of Native American, Alaskan Native or Native Hawaiian identity, such as official status of tribal enrollment (e.g., Tribal Enrollment Cards, official letter from the Tribal or First Nation council, birth certificates, etc.) or a statement that outlines the applicant's genealogy or ancestry is required.

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.

Recommendation Letters
Two letters of recommendation from individuals familiar with your academic or work background, such as professors or supervisors. **At least one letter should be from a current SAA member**. Recommendations without a letter from an SAA member will not be considered..
Recommendations may be uploaded with you application or emailed to <u>amy_rutledge@saa.org</u> 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.

Scholarship Notes and Considerations
You do not need to be formally accepted into the program or university 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 or university. 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. For the student scholarships, you must be enrolled in a regionally accredited university in the United States, or if outside the United States, a university with equivalent accreditation.

Applicants are critically evaluated to understand their interest in archaeology and their proposed program, 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 personal statement, a reasonable and justified budget, and compelling letters of recommendation about the applicant's past successes and future potential.

An individual may only be the recipient of one scholarship in each category: (1) Arthur C. Parker Scholarship, (2) the Native American Undergraduate Archaeology Scholarship, (3) the Native American Graduate Archaeology Scholarship, (4) the NSF Scholarships for Archaeological Training, and (5) the Bertha Parker Cody Award for Native American Women. An individual may only receive one of these scholarships in a calendar year.

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 DVDs, websites, or exhibits that relate your experiences. The SAA reserves the right to use these reports to promote the scholarships program.

The Parker Scholarship, NSF Scholarships, Undergraduate Scholarship, and Bertha Parker Cody Award reports are due within one year after the scholarship has been awarded. For the SAA Graduate Scholarship, a digital copy of the paper or poster must be sent to amy_rutledge@saa.org within two years after the scholarship has been awarded.

Arthur C. Parker Scholarship and NSF Scholarship for Archaeological Training
Provide a report of your experiences. Give the name of the training program and the dates attended, and briefly describe your research program. Answer all questions: (1) What was the highlight of your experience? (2) What new skills did you learn as a result of your experience? and (3) How will your experience enhance your career and enable you to contribute to the field of archaeology? (up to one page, single-spaced).

SAA Native American Undergraduate Archaeology Scholarship
Provide a report of your experiences. Give the name of the training program and the dates attended, or briefly describe your research program. Answer all questions: (1) What was the highlight of your experience? (2) What new skills did you learn as a result of your experience? and (3) How will your experience enhance your career and enable you to contribute to the field of archaeology? (up to one page, single-spaced).

SAA Native American Graduate Archaeology Scholarship
Provide a report of your experiences, following the guidelines above. Additionally, you are required to complete one of the following: (1) submit a paper or poster at an SAA annual meeting, or (2) submit an article on the topic of your choice for publication in The SAA Archaeological Record, American Antiquity, or Latin American Antiquity. A co-authored paper or poster is acceptable.

Proposed Budget. Below explain your financial need, anticipated resources from other sources and how scholarship funds will be expended (up to one page, single-spaced). Provide a detailed itemized budget which describes all costs. A sample budget table has been provided below, but categories are not exhaustive.

Sample Proposed Budget

Category	Qty.	Cost	Total
Tuition			$
Travel			
Transportation (Airfare, bus, etc.)			$
Housing			$
Local Transportation (Taxi, subway, car rental, etc.)			$
Food			$
Books			$
Supplies			$
Other (Description)			
			$
			$
Expenses (Total)			$
Financial Resources Available			$
NEED (Total)			$