



MATTHEW TOBIN CAPPETTA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SCHOLARSHIP
Deadline to Apply is January 31, 2021, 11:59 EST

The Cappetta Family created the Matthew Tobin Cappetta Archaeological Scholarship (the Scholarship) to honor and celebrate Matthew's life, which ended tragically in 2019 at the age of 30. Matthew followed his childhood passions to George Mason University, where he graduated with a bachelor's degree in anthropology. After college, he volunteered on a project in Peru and fell in love with archaeology, the Andes, and its people. Matthew returned to the United States and worked in CRM, during which time he developed a deep respect for the Native American Indian communities in the American Southwest. He decided to attend graduate school to better help Native American Indians uncover and preserve their past. Matthew passed away just as he was preparing graduate school applications.

The Scholarship Committee oversees the award, which provides funding for graduate students (Master's or Doctoral program) conducting advanced study in the archaeology or ethnoarchaeology of Native American Indians. The aim is to help graduate students achieve careers in archaeology, while instilling a deep respect and appreciation for Native American Indian culture and its important contribution to America's past. In 2021, the Scholarship Committee will award a total of two (2) scholarships totaling \$2,500 each.

Who Can Apply:

- Master's- or Doctoral-seeking students enrolled in universities accredited by the countries in which they reside;
- Students conducting advanced study of the archaeology/ethnoarchaeology of the U.S. Southwest and the South American Andes, which are the two regions that most impacted Matthew's life. The Scholarship Committee will consider students working in other American regions if their research involves significant collaboration with Native American Indians;
- The Scholarship Committee welcomes applications from all students with research interest in the Americas, whether those students are from the United States or other countries;
- The same merited individual can receive the award in subsequent years, but that student must reapply each year because this is a single-year grant;
- Students with a cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.0;
- The Scholarship Committee strongly encourages applications from students who are affiliated with historically underrepresented groups.

What the scholarship covers:

- The cost of tuition, course fees, and books for graduate-level classroom and field-based courses in anthropology, with emphasis in archaeology or ethnoarchaeology.
- The cost of en-route travel to attend field schools or directed study projects that lead to standard research papers, reports, journal articles, or advanced field research.

How to apply:

- Biography: Briefly describe yourself, how your personal experiences led you to archaeology, and how those experiences impact your research interest(s). How do your career objectives align with the goals of the Scholarship? (No more than one page, single-spaced, 12 pt. font)
- Hobbies/Interests: To better understand applicants, briefly describe a favorite hobby of interest (e.g., art, books, humor, song/music, etc.) and how it has impacted or influenced your personality.
- Research Interests Statement: Describe your research topic and what you hope to learn. How will you involve Native American Indian communities in your research design, and how will your research benefit those communities? (No more than one page, single-spaced, 12 pt. font)
- Proposed Study Program Statement: Briefly describe the project/field school on which you plan to volunteer/work (include dates). How will that program advance your educational and professional goals? (No more than one page, single-spaced, 12 pt. font)
- Proposed Budget: Fill out the budget form and explain your financial need and how you plan to use the funds. If your budget exceeds the scholarship amount, explain how you plan to cover the balance. The budget and explanation of financial need should be realistic and well-justified. Each scholarship totals \$2,500.

Please email your application package to [Matthew Cappetta fund@saa.org](mailto:Matthew.Cappetta.fund@saa.org), and specify Matthew Tobin Cappetta Scholarship in the subject line. If you do not receive an email confirming receipt of your application, please contact Amy Rutledge at amy.rutledge@saa.org.

Related considerations:

- Award recipients will send thank you letters to the Scholarship Donors.
- Scholarships do not cover conference fees/attendance, professional membership fees, or publication subscriptions.
- As part of each biographical narrative, all scholarship and award recipients must attest that they have not been the subject of a discrimination or harassment suit, and that they have not been involved in any other issues related to professional conduct/misconduct.

For questions about the application process, please contact the Matthew Tobin Cappetta Scholarship Committee Chair, Mr. Reymundo Chapa, Director, Center for Environmental Management of Military Lands, Colorado State University, Email: tonychapa@hotmail.com.