

Ruthann Knudson Archaeological Memorial Field School Award

Established in honor of Ruthann Knudson, this award is intended to help female students who plan to participate in an archaeological field school. The award for female students honors the request by Ruthann who was an accomplished author, dedicated teacher, and leader for women in archaeology. Ruthann's archaeological career spanned academia, cultural resource management, public service, and policy development.

Montana students majoring in archaeology, or related disciplines, are especially encouraged to apply. This award is open to women of all backgrounds who attend a Montana college, community college, tribal college or university. The award provides \$800 to help pay expenses associated with participation in an archaeological field school. Applicants must be undergraduate students, who have begun their junior year, or graduate students. Applicants must be at least 18 years old. The review committee will consider both academic achievement and financial need in its deliberations.

Applicants must complete the online application by March 15th no later than 12:00 midnight MST, found on the MAS Website. All application materials including the letter of recommendation must be received by the March 15th deadline. Incomplete or late applications will NOT be considered by the review committee. **Applicants will be notified of the committee's decision no later than April 15th.**

The award recipient must agree to provide a short description of the attended field school, with photographs, no later than 60 days after completion of the field school. That information will be posted on the MAS Website. If not already a member of MAS you must join at the student rate of \$20 per year. The benefits of membership include receiving the Archaeology in Montana journal, admission to the MAS annual meeting, and a chance to network with other professional archaeologists.

Application Form

- How the field school meets the academic requirement of your program.

- Information about the field school you hope to attend and your anticipated length of stay.

- Your current GPA
- A brief essay (500 words or less) explaining why you want to participate in this specific field school and how the experience will contribute to your current course of study and eventual career goals. Address your financial need for this award.
- A budget of anticipated expenses associated with participation in the field school. Please include in the budget any other financial resources available or applied for, if any, to help cover these expenses.
- A letter of recommendation from a professor or academic advisor who knows your work and who is willing to provide a letter of recommendation.
- A letter from the director of the field school or coordinator of the field school program indicating you have been accepted for participation.