

## **APPLICATION FOR THE DISSERTATION RESEARCH AND TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIP**

This program will place priority on awarding scholarships for students needing to travel or conduct research to complete their dissertation in Historical Archaeology. **Typical awards are between \$500 and \$2000.**

**Applications are due by April 17, 2026, and should be submitted as a single pdf by email to Sara Mascia at [sara@sha.org](mailto:sara@sha.org) and copied to [hq@sha.org](mailto:hq@sha.org).**

By submitting an application, I affirm that the information I am providing is accurate and that I pledge to fulfill the reporting requirements if awarded a scholarship.

**Name:**

**School Attending:**

**Your address:**

**Email:**

**Phone:**

**Your application must include the following:**

### **A. Personal Statement.**

This statement should include the following: an explanation of your interest in historical archaeology, the details of your dissertation topic, and how receipt of this scholarship will help advance your educational and professional goals (one page, single-spaced).

### **B. Proposed Budget.**

Detail how the funds will be expended (up to one page, single-spaced). Expenditures could include research travel, lodging, and fees.

The SHA will award funding only for expenses **directly** related to your research activities. **Personal expenses should not be included.**

### **C. Statement of Need.**

This statement should include a description of your circumstances that might require funding beyond those factors listed above. Please also indicate if you have applied for and/or received other funding for your dissertation research and travel.

#### **D. Supporting Materials:**

1. Two letters of recommendation are required. One letter from your advisor, indicating, among other details, that the scholarship applicant is committed to conducting their research and completing their degree. The second letter can be from another professor or someone who is familiar with your research topic. These recommendations should be included with your application or sent directly to the SHA at the email above by the letter writer.
2. A copy of an informal, current school transcript showing courses completed and current GPA.

#### **E. Scholarship Considerations:**

The applicant must be formally enrolled in a Ph.D. program at the time of application. Scholarships will not be awarded until the SHA is satisfied that the applicant has scheduled their research activities and/or fieldwork. Applicants will be evaluated by a review committee of SHA members to verify their eligibility, and to understand their interest in archaeology and their proposed program of study. Evaluation of the quality of applications will be based on the completeness of the application, quality of the personal statement, the content of an informal school transcript, and the letters of recommendation.

#### **F. Reporting Requirements:**

If the applicant is chosen and receives funds, the applicant will be **required** to report on their experiences. This should be Newsletter article or Conference Paper/Poster. Photographs are encouraged. Such a report will be due 60 days after payment of the scholarship to the awardee.