

## **APPLICATION FOR THE SHA FIELD SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP**

The SHA Scholarship Program provides a limited amount of funding for students, **who are current SHA members**, to attend a field school and/or to conduct dissertation research/fieldwork. The application package must be complete to be considered for funding.

Field School Scholarships: This program will place priority on awarding scholarships for students to participate in field schools that provide instruction in Historical Archaeology and archaeological field methods.

**Applications are due by April 3, 2026, and should be submitted as a single pdf by email to Sara Mascia at [sara@sha.org](mailto:sara@sha.org) and copy [hq@sha.org](mailto:hq@sha.org).**

\_\_\_\_\_ Please check here if you are applying for funding earmarked for African American students in historical archaeology?

\_\_\_\_\_ 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.

### **Applicant Information**

**Name:**

**School Attending:**

**Your address:**

**Email:**

**Phone:**

**Your application must include the following:**

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

Your personal statement must include the following: an explanation of your interest in historical archaeology, the details of the field school you plan to attend, and how receipt of this scholarship will help to advance your professional goals (one page, single-spaced).

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

Detail how the funds will be expended (up to one page, single-spaced) e.g., field school tuition and fees; other field school costs, such as travel, lodging.

The SHA will award funding only for expenses **directly** related to the field school. 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 field school participation.

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

1. **Two letters** of recommendation are required. One letter from the instructor hosting the field school, indicating, among other details, that the scholarship applicant has applied to and is eligible to participate in the field school. The second letter should be from a professor or employer who is familiar with the student's academic interest in historical archaeology. 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 toward your degree and current GPA.
3. Details on the field school curriculum.

**Scholarship Considerations:** The applicant does not need to be formally enrolled in the field school at the time of application. However, scholarships will not be awarded until the SHA is satisfied that the applicant has been formally accepted into and is participating in an appropriate field school.

Applicants will be evaluated by a review committee of SHA members to verify their eligibility, 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. If needed, final candidates may be interviewed by the committee via Zoom.

**Reporting Requirements:** If the applicant is chosen and receives funds, the applicant will be **required** to report on their experiences. In consultation with the Scholarship Committee, this report could take the form of a Newsletter article, a blog, short video recording, social media content, or exhibits that relate their experiences (photographs are encouraged and alternative report formats are welcome). The report will be due up to sixty days after the field school ends - or after the payment of the scholarship to the awardee.