

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: 2027 JOHN L. COTTER AWARD

The Society for Historical Archaeology Awards Committee is pleased to announce its call for nominations for the 2027 John L. Cotter Award. Established in 1988, the award is named in honor of John Lambert Cotter (1911–1999), a pioneer educator and advocate for the discipline, and recognizes outstanding achievement by an individual at the start of their career in historical archaeology. The individual can either be a graduate student or a professional early in their career. The award can be given for a single achievement that is truly outstanding in its respective category, or for a combination of early career accomplishments that taken together are significant; the nature and variety of categories are open. The best way to see the range of achievements for which the award has been given is to review the write-ups on each of the awardees that have appeared in *Historical Archaeology*. These are accessible through the SHA website at <https://sha.org/about-us/awards-and-prizes/>.

Nomination Requirements: The nominee and the primary nominator or nominators must be current SHA members, with exceptions provided for the nominator. The entire nomination packet must be submitted as a complete PDF via e-mail to the Awards Committee chair by no later than **October 1, 2026**.

The nomination packet will contain the following items:

1. A nomination cover sheet for the John L. Cotter Award, which should include: (1) submission date of the nomination and (2) the full name, address, and all contact information for both the nominee and primary nominator(s) (including, for both, a street address, an e-mail address, and cell phone numbers).
2. A formal, dated statement, in letter format and signed by the primary nominator(s), documenting the reasons for the nomination (maximum length five double-spaced pages).
3. An up-to-date C.V. for the nominee.
5. Supporting materials may be included, including summations or different evidence of the achievement and no more than three (3) letters of support to be included with the nomination packet (letters or materials mailed or e-mailed separately to the chair of the Awards Committee apart from the nomination packet will not be included in the nomination). Support letters should be no more than two pages in length.

Nominations that are judged by the Awards Committee to be viable may be awarded in a later year, based on the applicants that are already under the committee's review.

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