Geological Society of America, Geoarchaeology Division

Claude C. Albritton, Jr. Scholarship

Purpose: This scholarship was created to honor the ideals, scholarship and character of Claude C. Albritton, Jr., a Fellow of the Geological Society of America and a founding member of the Geoarchaeology Division. A major part of his career was devoted to the application of Earth sciences to archaeology; and financial assistance to graduate students with this scholarship is a fitting way to help perpetuate his high standards of research.

This scholarship is intended to support the field and/or laboratory research of a graduate student pursuing a Masters or Doctoral degree. The research must involve interdisciplinary archaeology-Earth sciences concepts and methods. Specific disciplines/subdisciplines and geographic areas are open, but can include geomorphology, pedology, sedimentology, archaeometry, stratigraphy, paleontology, zooarchaeology, and archaeological materials and characterization.

Eligibility: Applications will be accepted from students currently enrolled in a graduate program. Residents of the US and foreign countries are eligible. Membership in the GSA and the Geoarchaeology Division are not required.

Awards: Awards will be made by the of the Geoarchaeology Division Awards Committee. Awards are up to $650, which will be sent to the awardee by the GSA following the committee’s final selection. More than one award will be made if funds are available. If no meritorious proposals are received, the committee may elect to make no awards for that year. The decisions concerning awards are made solely by the committee and are final.

Evaluation: Proposals will be evaluated and ranked by committee members based on:
1. Scientific merit of the proposed research topic and methodology,
2. Preparation and capabilities of the student based on the application form submitted by the student and recommendation submitted by the student’s advisor, and
3. The proposed budget allocation (not amount) of the grant money.

Budget: The grant award may be used only to support the student’s research directly. Allowable expenses may include but are not limited to: travel, food, and lodging (during fieldwork only), analytical services (dating, thin section preparation, geochemical or isotopic analyses, etc.), and fully expendable supplies (chemicals, photographic film-processing, sample containers, etc.). The award monies may not be used for: tuition, salaries, consultants, communication costs, travel to meetings, word processing services, any permanent equipment, any computer hardware or software, books, copying, printing or binding services.

Schedule & Term: Proposals must be sent to the chair of the Awards Committee by the deadline. Applications should be sent via email to gsa.agd@gmail.com. There is no set term for use of the scholarship funds, although it is expected that recipients will expend these monies within one year of award.

Application: Proposals should utilize the online application form and be sent as an attachment to gsa.agd@gmail.com.

Recommendations: The letter of recommendation should utilize the online application form and be sent from the thesis advisor as an attachment to gsa.agd@gmail.com.