

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF NEW MEXICO
SCHOLARSHIP AWARD PROGRAM POLICY STATEMENT

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1. The fundamental doctrine governing the Scholarship Committee is to enhance both the future lifeblood of southwestern archaeology and that of the Archaeological Society of New Mexico (ASNM). Realizing there is a good return on this investment in education, we proclaim the principle “we can’t keep it unless we give it away.”
2. The primary purpose of the ASNM Scholarship Award is to serve as a scholarship for undergraduate and graduate students enrolled at New Mexico universities. Priority will be given to bachelor’s and master’s level students. PhD candidates and students pursuing an associate’s degree will be considered on a case by case basis.
3. The Scholarship Award will be available to students demonstrating a general financial need who are majoring in Anthropology with a focus in Archaeology. The subfields of Cultural Anthropology, Linguistics, and Physical Anthropology may also be considered if the student’s work pertains to the American Southwest.
4. The call for candidates will be mailed periodically to educators at universities whose students qualify for ASNM Scholarships. Scholarship criteria and application forms will be posted on the ASNM website. Awardees will be announced at the ASNM Annual Meeting, as well as in an article in *La Jornada*, the ASNM Newsletter.
5. Qualified universities include: Eastern New Mexico University, New Mexico Highlands University, New Mexico State University, and University of New Mexico. If no qualified applicants from these universities respond, candidates from other New Mexico educational institutions will be considered.
6. The Scholarship Committee is empowered to make its selection(s) based upon candidate(s) academic achievements, membership in archaeological organizations (including ASNM and affiliate societies), community service, scholastic references, and the merits of their research.
7. The amount of any Scholarship Award will range from \$500-\$1,000. More than one student can be a recipient. The number of scholarships awarded within a given year is at the discretion of the Scholarship Committee and based upon the availability of funds. Students may be awarded an ASNM Scholarship two times within their academic career. All monies awarded to the student will be made available no later than the Fall Semester.
8. Award monies will be deducted from the ASNM Scholarship Operating Account. Fund-raising projects, private contributions, and local society donations may also be set aside for use in the ASNM Scholarship Operating Account. Excess scholarship funds (i.e. funds not expended in the current award cycle) will be carried over for the Scholarship Committee to award in the next school year. Furthermore, if there is a positive balance remaining in the ASNM General Account at the end of CY (i.e., Dec 31 of the calendar year), the balance is zeroed out and credited to the ASNM Scholarship Operating Account.
9. A copy of the “ASNM Scholarship Application Form” is attached.