2017 NAPA Student Achievement Award

Deadline: August 1, 2017

PURPOSE
The National Association for the Practice of Anthropology offers the annual Student Achievement Award to recognize student contributions in the area of practicing and applied anthropology. The Award recognizes students who have excelled in the field and provides opportunities for students who have conducted projects in applied contexts to be recognized during the AAA annual meetings and have their work considered for publication in the Annals of Anthropological Practice.

AWARDS and RECOGNITION
Up to three cash prizes may be awarded:

- $500, 1st Place
- $300, 1st Runner Up
- $200, 2nd Runner Up

A panel of anthropological practitioners will review all student paper submissions. Awardees will receive a certificate of recognition and will be acknowledged during the NAPA Business Meeting at the AAA annual meeting. Awardees will be listed in this website's Student Achievement Award archive, and abstracts will be included when available. Outstanding papers will be considered for publication in the Annals of Anthropological Practice.

ELIGIBILITY
Applications will be accepted from current students or within 2 years after graduation. Students must have been enrolled in a graduate or undergraduate degree program at the time they conducted their work, although the paper may be edited or written after graduation. The degree program does not have to be in anthropology, as long as the work was clearly in the scope of practicing and applied anthropology (see Criteria for Evaluation). Submissions must be original work of high quality. The work may be undertaken alone or in collaboration with others, but for papers with one or more co-authors, an enrolled student (at the time of the work) must be the paper's first author. Submissions listing professors as authors are not eligible.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS
Papers must not exceed 25 pages of text and footnotes, excluding bibliography and any supporting materials, double-spaced using a common 12-point font, submitted in either MS Word or PDF formats. Margins should be 1" on all sides. Papers should conform to the author guidelines of the American Anthropologist (http://www.aaanet.org/publications/guidelines.cfm). Papers must be a product of work relevant to practicing and applied anthropology, including, but not limited to: examinations of community impact; contributions to identifying and improving local/service needs; or communicating anthropological theory and methods to non-anthropologists in collaborative research settings including nonprofit agencies, communities, and business and industrial organizations.

Students are encouraged to have the papers reviewed by an academic adviser apprised of the criteria below before submission, although this is not mandatory.

CRITERIA for EVALUATION
Successful applicants will have read through and followed the award criteria closely. Papers will be judged on the following criteria. The paper:

- clearly states the problem or issue being investigated
- is clearly relevant to practicing/applied anthropology
- clearly states the practical implications of the research for addressing or understanding real-world problems, and discusses recommendations, appropriate solutions, or outcomes
- demonstrates a clear understanding of relevant literature about the topic
- is mechanically sound, including strong grammatical writing, proper formatting, and appropriate citations and bibliography

SUBMISSION PROCESS
The deadline for 2017 submissions is August 1, 2017. Papers must be submitted via email by the deadline to the NAPA Student Representative at napastudentrep@gmail.com. Winners will be notified in October. For more information on the award, contact the student representative at this email address.

Past Award Winners
For information on past award winners, see the Student Achievement Award archive page at **http://practicinganthropology.org/students/student-achievement-award/student-award-archive/**.