

## **Undergraduate Personal Statement Contest Rules for the Dirty Trowel Award**

Dirty Trowel Award: \$2,000.00  
Submission Date: December 1, 2021

The Department of Anthropology seeks undergraduate student personal statement submissions for the **Dirty Trowel Award**.

Eligibility Criteria: The student must be a full-time undergraduate going into their last two semesters in the following Fall with a minimum 3.0 GPA who is an Anthropology major.

Submission Information: Email submissions are due on **December 1, 2021** to Dr. Eric Jones, the Undergraduate Director, at [jonesered@sc.edu](mailto:jonesered@sc.edu). Also copy Claudia Carriere, the Departmental Undergraduate Coordinator, on this email at [cfcarr@mailbox.sc.edu](mailto:cfcarr@mailbox.sc.edu). A pdf file should be attached to the email under the Subject heading: Dirty Trowel Award Submission. The file name should be formatted as follows:

**Student Last Name\_Dirty\_Trowel\_Personal\_Statement\_Contest.pdf**

Personal Statement: The award involves submitting a short personal statement exploring the following question:

**In what ways are you engaging in Archaeology and Anthropology outside of the classroom?**

**Examples can include but are not limited to volunteering (e.g., field or lab work), field schools, heritage service, and a faculty mentored thesis.**

Format of Personal Statement: The statement should be 2 pages single-spaced maximum with 1-inch margins. The required font should be 12-point Times New Roman. Include your name and the title of the statement as a header on the first page only. Include page numbers in the footer of each page.

The personal statements will be adjudicated by a panel comprised of faculty representing the subfield of Archaeology. The winner will receive a Financial Aid award of \$2,000 spread over the 2022-2023 academic year to help pay for academic needs such as tuition and books. \$1,000 will be received in both the Fall and Spring semesters. The winner will be announced on **World Anthropology Day** which falls on the third Thursday in February, which for 2022 is **February 17, 2022**.