

Stephen Richard Weller Memorial Scholarship

The Stephen Richard Weller Memorial Scholarship recipient is chosen by the Anthropology Faculty on the basis of academic achievement and demonstrated financial need. It is named for Stephen Weller, an anthropology student who tragically lost his life in a traffic accident. The award was established by his parents, Richard and Elaine Weller, to honor his memory and to offer financial support to students in the Department of Anthropology. Award will be applied to the student's account for the 2020-2021 academic year.

Application Guidelines

Students are invited to submit an application for the Weller Memorial Scholarship in the early spring semester. This award is specifically designated for students majoring in Anthropology, who have demonstrated academic achievement, and who will have completed their sophomore year at Appalachian State University at the time of application. Students must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 to be eligible for this award. Special consideration is given to students who demonstrate a need for financial support. Please note that as a requirement of this application, a FAFSA form must be on file with the University and made available to the Department of Anthropology by completion of the request form included in this application.

On average, between \$500-\$1,000 is available through this scholarship. To apply for the Weller Scholarship, students should complete the online application form, the FAFSA request permission, and an original essay of **700-750 words**. The essay should be a narrative describing your intellectual growth and academic achievements, since becoming an anthropology student at Appalachian State University. The strongest essays will skillfully integrate a discussion of your measurable achievements (awards, internships, class projects, conference papers, field schools, and other recognitions) with a reflection upon your intellectual growth. Applicants should keep in mind that we are interested in seeing more than a "list" of achievements, and want to know how you have developed as a scholar in recent years through your coursework and other kinds of experiences. All essays are to be crafted independently by the applicant. Drafts are not to be previewed by faculty members.

Though not a requirement, the Weller Scholarship application may also include a statement of financial need.

Note: Anthropology Students may apply for both the Loucks Scholarship and the Weller Scholarship in the same semester, however these are two independent applications requiring two separate essays.

Weller Application Spring 2020

Name:

Program of Study:

List of Academic Honors, Awards, Recognitions:

List of upper-level (3000+) courses you have taken (ex. ANT 3530, ANT 4270):

Course and paper title of what you feel has been your most outstanding anthropology course paper or project, thus far. Include course number and title, and paper or project title:
(attach copy of paper to this form)

List of field schools, internships, conferences, creative projects, or other undertakings relevant to your intellectual growth:

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Year of Entry into Anthropology: _____

Total Hours Earned in University _____ and in Anthropology _____

Overall GPA in University _____ and in Anthropology _____

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED IN HARD COPY TO DR. TIMOTHY J. SMITH
(CHAIR) NO LATER THAN 5:00PM ON FEBRUARY 21, 2020.**

Applications will be time-stamped.

Applications submitted after the deadline will not be considered.

FAFSA REQUEST PERMISSION

I, _____(student name), hereby grant permission to the Department of Anthropology Weller Scholarship Committee, to request and review my Free Application for Student Aid (FAFSA) form within the records of Appalachian State University.

Signature_____

Date_____

Weller Essay
(required 700-750 words)

Weller Essay (continued)

Weller Essay (continued)

Personal Statement on Financial Need
(statement is optional and should not exceed 300 words)