

## EASTERN STATES ARCHEOLOGICAL FEDERATION RONALD A. THOMAS PUBLICATION AWARD



The *Ronald A. Thomas Publication Award* is a monetary grant for the preparation of substantive archaeological information from CRM (cultural resources management) or “contract” archaeology reports for submission to *Archaeology of Eastern North America* for publication. This award honors the late Ronald A. Thomas, former Delaware State Archaeologist, by providing financial support to CRM or contract archaeology organizations to publish and make significant archaeological information available to the wider public, when publication will not threaten the archaeological site(s).

### **Amount**

Grants will normally be in the amount of \$500 or \$1000, but ESAF may award up to \$2000 in any given year to one or more grantees. The award will be for costs of editing or converting a CRM report into a 20 to 70 page (text, double spaced) length paper suitable for publication in *Archaeology of Eastern North America*, and submission of the manuscript to the AENA Editor. Eligible costs include staff salary to complete draft text editing, and preparation of graphics and tables suitable for publication.

Payment of one half of the award will be made upon acceptance of a proposal by the ESAF Board. Payment of the second half of the award will be made upon acceptance of a manuscript in format suitable for AENA peer review and/or publication by the Editor AENA. (Note, peer review of manuscripts prior to AENA publication is optional at the request of the author(s) and/or Editor.)

### **Eligibility**

CRM archaeology firms, local CRM-focused offices of larger corporations, non-profit organizations doing CRM archeology, CRM organizations within academic institutions, or State or Federal agencies that normally do CRM archaeology are welcome to apply if:

- the CRM firm, local office, organization or agency is an institutional ESAF member, or
- one or more of the principal investigators are currently and have been (an) individual member(s) of ESAF for at least one year prior to the year of application.

Go to <http://www.esaf-archeology.org/membership.html> for membership information

### **Application Process**

Applications should be sent to Dr. Arthur Spiess, Editor AENA, Maine Historic Preservation Commission, State House Station 65, Augusta, ME 04333, [arthur.spiess@maine.gov](mailto:arthur.spiess@maine.gov), by mail or email. *Email inquiries in advance of an application are encouraged.* The deadline for applications is July 30<sup>th</sup> of each year. Unsuccessful grant applications from one year may be reactivated for a succeeding year with a letter or email from the applicant. Please limit email attachments to 5 mb size maximum.

Applications on paper or in digital form should consist of 1) a cover letter describing the length and focus of the proposed submission (e.g., general site report, of some specific aspect of a site or group of sites); 2) a copy of the CRM report or relevant portions of the CRM report from which the paper will be derived, including some examples of graphics quality proposed for the submission; 3)

a statement that the applicant has intellectual ownership of the content, or a statement allowing the applicant publish by the project sponsor/owner/contractor; and 4) a statement explaining how and why publication will not harm archaeological site security or site protection. Statement (4) may include, for example, an endorsement of publication from the appropriate SHPO or State Archaeologist's office, or information that the site has been completely excavated or will be covered or destroyed by construction.

### **Award**

Applications will be reviewed on an annual basis by a Ronald A. Thomas Committee of at least three AENA Board members and/or ESAF State Society representatives, appointed by the AENA Editor, with the AENA Editor as Chair. Applications will be judged on the bases of: 1) significance of the archaeological information, 2) the potential contribution to Eastern North American archaeology of publication, and 3) the advisability of making the information public and possible impacts on archaeological site protection and security. Recommendations will be made by the Ronald A. Thomas Award Committee to the ESAF Board in advance of the annual meeting, for final action (vote to grant the recommended award(s)) at the annual meeting.