Submission Deadline: Saturday, August 1, 2020.
The ESAF Student Paper Competition was created to promote scholarly excellence among students conducting archaeological research in the eastern U.S.

Eligibility:

Graduate and undergraduate students currently enrolled in an academic program on a full-time basis are invited to submit abstracts for 20-minute, single author papers on any topic related to prehistoric or historical archaeology in the eastern United States and the eastern provinces of Canada. Student papers are placed within the flow of the conference in appropriately themed sessions, or may be part of an organized session if they have been invited to do so. Papers are judged by the ESAF Student Paper Committee.

Selection of the winning student paper is based on the following criteria:

- **Content and clarity** — Is the work well organized? Is a problem or research question presented and answered by the student? Does the student use archaeological data and/or relevant theory to support the argument? Is the research question placed within a larger social, cultural, or economic context? Are appropriate sources used to support the argument?
- **Presentation** — Judges will consider the oral presentation (the presenter’s ability to communicate to an audience) as well as the student’s overall presentation of his/her research, and how well they integrate theory with archaeological data. The judges will also evaluate the use of audio-visual aids.
- **Originality and Contribution** — Judges will consider the originality of the research (does the work break new ground, either literally in terms of reporting excavation results, or theoretically in terms of studies of previously recovered materials) as well as its overall contribution or usefulness to the field of archaeology.

The winner will be the guest of the ESAF Executive Board at the annual banquet where she/he will be recognized and presented with a certificate of award, a cash prize, and a one-year membership in ESAF. The winning paper may be considered for publication in *Archaeology of Eastern North America* (at the discretion of the AENA editor).

How to Apply:

**Only one paper per author may be submitted.** Paper titles and abstracts (maximum of 150 words) must first be emailed to the Annual Meeting Program Chair by August 1. If a student’s paper is accepted for the 2020 ESAF annual meeting and the author wants their paper to be considered for the competition, she/he must notify the program chair and committee chair, Martha Otto at fm3542@aol.com, no later than September 15, and provide her with the title and abstract. **Student authors of accepted papers must be members of ESAF.** Membership dues and conference registration may be paid via PayPal from the organization webpage, or by check and paper registration form no later than September 15. A copy of the final paper as a word document or pdf, is to be sent to the committee chair no later than October 15, 2020. State societies and CRM firms are encouraged to sponsor student presenters for the competition by underwriting their registration and/or ESAF membership cost. **Student Paper Competition is sponsored by the Education Committee.**