**The Bragg Family Training Program in Archeology Grant**

Don and Hope Bragg had been members of the Arkansas Archeological Society (AAS) for nearly 20 years and regularly brought their children Kenny, Beth, and Stephen along to participate in Society events. During their time volunteering with the organization, they became irreplaceable members of the Arkansas archeology community. Hope recently served as the President, and later Past President, for the statewide organization, and Don served as the local Tunican Chapter President among other roles throughout the years. They both had a love and passion for science and would never hesitate to help those in need. Kenny attended Training Programs with his dad regularly and was pursuing a bachelor’s degree in Archeology at Michigan Tech University. Beth was in her freshman year at the University of Arkansas, had been the designated Archeological Research Fund (ARF) raffle ticket drawer for years, and had recently been appointed as a member of the ARF committee. Stephen is continuing his high school education and was always eager to accompany family members to Society events.

To honor and commemorate the time and effort the Bragg family put into the organization as positive, loving, and genuine people, the AAS offers an annual grant for families (immediate family members and up to 5 people) to cover the cost of attending our Training Program in Archeology. The Braggs regularly attended the Training Program as a family, so the purpose of this grant is to encourage families to spend time together at the Training Program. It is intended to minimize financial barriers for those wanting to involve their family members in archeology and learn about Arkansas’s history as part of a larger project.

This grant is awarded to one family per year in January before that year’s upcoming Training Program. Applications are due by **mail or email on January 15th** to Gillian Steeno (gmsteeno@uark.edu, 2475 N Hatch Ave, Fayetteville, AR 72704). This grant only applies to the ARAS/AAS Training Program in Archeology; we do not provide funding for other training programs or field schools.

Requirements:

* Submit a 1-2 page letter of interest explaining your interest in archeology, and how your family would benefit from attending the Training Program
* Applicants must be immediate family members, grandparents, parents (or legal guardians), children, and/or siblings
* Children must be over 8 years old, and participants under 18 must be accompanied by an adult at all times
* At least 2 members of the family are encouraged to participate for the duration of the program
* Each participant must submit a Training Program registration form and sign the Project Participation Agreement by the program Early Registration deadline
* Each participant must fill out all other associated paperwork required to participate in the program, or they will not be permitted to participate
* Participating family members must attend an Orientation session their first day of the program. Scheduling will be done when filling out the registration form before the Early Deadline.

Grant recipients will receive (up to $900**\***, plus waived registration fees for up to 5 people):

* Training Program registration fee waiver
* AAS designated campground fees or hotel cost (hotel booking is the responsibility of the grant recipient)
* AAS memberships for the calendar year
* Stipend for food and gas (dependent on number of days spent at the Training Program)

**\***NOTE: Grant recipients will receive a check covering the listed costs upon checking out on their last day of program participation.

**Grant Application**

*Please only fill out one application per family.*

*A digital version of this form can be found here:* <https://forms.gle/aP5pGxCduMogUZtr5>

Names of family members (please note children under 18 with an “\*”):

Contact person for your family (please list email and phone number):

Are you applying for the weekend option (3 nights) or the week-long option (7 nights)?

Do you plan to stay in a hotel or camp in the designated AAS campground? You must bring and set up your own camping equipment if you choose to camp.

Is anyone in your group interested in taking a 5-day continued learning seminar (only open to week-long option applicants)? We strongly encourage first time program attendees to take the Basic Excavation**\*** (full day) and/or Basic Lab\*\* (half day) seminars. The full seminar schedule will be released in the Spring via Field Notes and on the AAS website.

Does anyone in your family have any relevant archeological training, experience, or has completed relevant coursework (this is not a requirement in order to apply for the grant)? If so, please elaborate below.

Is there any other relevant information that we should be aware of?

***\*Basic Excavation****: This is one of three basic seminars that gives participants a guide to archeological excavation and the proper methodology used by archeologists in the field. This seminar combines both classroom and field instruction that covers topics ranging from tools of the trade to unit profile drawing to screening artifacts to ethical considerations.*

***\*\*Basic Lab****: Another basic seminar, encouraged for first timers, this half-day seminar focuses on proper lab documentation once artifacts come in from the field. This includes artifact washing, rough sorting, and proper bag labeling to ensure proper curation of artifacts post-Training Program.*

**Please write or type your 1-2 page letter of interest below**:

*Submit materials to Gillian Steeno, Society/Survey Liaison, gmsteeno@uark.edu.*