

Field School Scholarship Report

The funds I received through the Jane C. Waldbaum Archaeological Field School Scholarship helped me pay for my field school tuition. Without it, I would not have been able to attend. My school, Western Washington University, was not hosting a field school for the summer of 2012, which was the optimal time for me to go. I chose to go to field school through the University of Oregon, but could not use student loans or grants because I was not an enrolled student at this school. I instead took out a loan through my bank to cover a portion of the cost, while the scholarship paid for the rest.

I am extremely grateful to have had the chance to go to field school this summer. I feel like I finally understand what archaeology is truly all about. Before this summer I had spent plenty of time working in the archaeology lab, looking at catalogues, and doing research, but none of these can replace field experience.

During my time in the field I worked very hard and had a good time doing it. This was noticed by our supervisor, who offered me a paid position to come back out to the area and dig at another site for two weeks in September. I jumped at the chance, and now have a little experience working as an archaeologist. I also was able to gain the opportunity to do some research on artifacts found at the site.

I am very appreciative of the chance to go to field school in Oregon this summer. I gained knowledge that I would not have otherwise. Now that I have some field experience, I can move forward with applying to graduate school. Without the scholarship this would not be possible. I am very grateful to have been chosen as a recipient.

Thank you very much,

Susan Larsen