**AASP – The Palynological Society**

**Student Research Grant**

*The AASP – The Palynological Society is pleased to announce its program of Student Research Grants to support research in palynology. For 2015, there will be two grants for $3000 (US) each for research in any area of palynology and one McNeilly Grant of $3000 (US) for research in Cenozoic tropical palynology (defined as approaching any scientific question using terrestrial palynomorphs or terrestrial with marine palynomorphs). Student Research Grants are to be used for costs directly connected to carrying out research, such as fieldwork and laboratory expenses. Ordinarily, the scholarships will be awarded to beginning graduate students, but advanced undergraduate students may also apply.*

*Basis of Awards ‑ The qualification of the student, the originality and imagination evident in the proposed project, and the likelihood of significant contribution to the science of palynology are factors that will be weighed in selection of award winners.*

To Apply *‑ Part A of this form is to be filled out by the student and Part B by the student's faculty supervisor. The faculty supervisor will send both forms together* ***by email*** *to the address at the end of Part B. A total of four pages, including forms A and B will be accepted. Additional material will not be considered. Research Grant applications must be received no later than March 31st of each year and awards will be announced by May 3rd of each year.*

***Part A ‑ Application for A.A.S.P. Student Research Grant***

***Student's name****: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

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*Three most recent universities or other institutions attended (earliest first). Include the institution that you will attend during the tenure of the scholarship, the degree you will seek, and the anticipated completion date:*

*Begin End*

*Institution Degree Date Date*

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***Current Academic Supervisor****: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

***Background in palynology: Palynology classes, seminars and short‑courses****:\**

*Date Instructor Title*

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***Palynological experience - Research and publications****:\**

*Date # Samples Counted Citation or description*

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***Awards, honors and funding (include institutional support)****:\**

*Date Amount Agency Title*

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***\*Use additional sheets as needed, but a total of only 4 sheets, including forms A and B will be accepted.***

*(Form A)*

***Title of proposed investigation:***

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*I also wish to be considered for the McNeilly Research Grant for tropical palynology:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

*Summary of the investigation (250 words or less, on an attached sheet); include objectives, why you selected this problem, its significance, and how you plan to approach and carry out the investigation.*

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*I agree that the recommendation I am requesting from my faculty supervisor will be held in confidence by officials of my institution, and I hereby waive any rights I may have to examine it. yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_\_*

***Applicant's signature****: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_* ***Date****: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

***Part B ‑ Endorsement by Faculty Supervisor***

*1. Ranking of the applicant versus other students you have known who are pursuing the same degree:*

*upper 5% \_\_ upper 10%\_\_ upper 25%\_\_ upper 50%\_\_ lower 50%\_\_*

*2. Can you verify the student's statements as to other awards, honors, or financial aid received or applied for?*

 *yes \_\_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_*

*3. Please describe the student’s intellectual contribution to the design of the project:*

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*4. Please provide a brief summary (250 words or less on an attached sheet) of your assessment of the applicant's project and his or her potential to attain the objectives. Among other traits, please comment on the student's native intellectual ability, ability to express him (her)self, perseverance, imagination and the probable creativity, and the value of the project.*

***Faculty supervisor***

***Name****: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

***Position****: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

***Institution****: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

***Address****: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

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| *Please send completed forms as Word documents or PDF to:* **Martin Farley**  mbfarley@sigmaxi.net  Geology, University of North Carolina at Pembroke  (910) 521-6478 |
| *A total of only 4 sheets, including forms A and B will be accepted.**(Form B)**- - - - - - - - end page two - - - - - - -* |