

The Connie Downing Scholarship

Created through a generous gift from Ms. Connie Downing, this scholarship is design to support undergraduate students planning to participate in the 2018 Greenland-Arctic Vikings Field School. This scholarship dramatically reduces tuition for four students attending this field school from its original \$5,950 to \$2,950 – creating four \$3,000 awards. Selection of awardees will be based on and determined by a combination of academic achievement, letter of recommendation and the strength of essays written as replies to application essay questions.

There is no separate application process for this scholarship. Only four students will be admitted to the field school and each will be awarded this scholarship. Students interested in participating in the Greenland-Arctic Vikings Field School must apply directly through the [IFR enrolment portal](#).



Eligibility Criteria:

- This scholarship is available to students attending the Greenland-Arctic Viking Field School only.
- Must be 18 years old or older at the day the field school begins.
- Minimum GPA 3.2 (equivalent to 87% grade average).
- Must be a current undergraduate student in good academic standing.
- There is no nationality restriction. Any student may apply.
- Major does not need to be in archaeology. Students from any major are eligible to apply although some preference will be given to students planning to pursue careers in archaeology and Cultural Resource Management (CRM).

About the Donor:

Inspired by a lifelong interest in archaeology and Norse Greenland, Ms. Connie Downing created this scholarship to support, encourage and train a new generation of archaeologists planning to work in the Arctic. Ms. Downing earned graduate degrees in Anthropology and Art History from the Ohio State University and spent most of her career in motorsports management, photo-journalism and public relations. Her adventurous spirit took her to Greenland on two different occasions. These trips were motivated by a deep interest in the country's incredible beauty and rich archaeological heritage. Ms. Downing considers those trips some of the best experiences of her life. She hopes that students participating in this field school will find Greenland as exciting and enriching as she does. In addition to being a patron of the [Greenland National Museum and Archives](#), Ms. Downing is an enthusiastic supporter of the [Byrd Polar Research and Climate Change Center](#) at Ohio State. Ms. Downing currently devotes much time and energy to her local library in Atlanta, Georgia.