**Bahamas Field Course Student Award Application (Summer 2016)**

**1. Applicant Information**

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| Name: |  | Major: |  |
| NetID: |  | Concentration: |  |
| MSU ID (9 digit #): |  | Degree (BS/BA/MS): |  |
| # semesters at MSU |  | GPA: (**optional**) |  |

**2. Important notes about the Bahamas Field Course Grant (please read before submitting):**

The purpose of this student award is to provide financial assistance (ranging from $150 to $500) to qualified MSU students enrolled in the Geosciences Study Abroad: Bahamas Field Methods Course (GG 4533/6533). Applicants must have already applied to the Bahamas Study Abroad course though the Office of Study Abroad website before the posted course application deadline. All applications will be ranked based on **demonstration of financial need, commitment to the program, integrity and accountability, and academic performance**. The scholarship is not limited to Geosciences students, nor is it only for undergraduate students. Only students that officially commit to the Bahamas Study Abroad class on the Office of Study Abroad (OSA) website will be eligible to receive a financial award. Notification of a successful award, the amount of the award, and the date on which a check will be delivered will be communicated to the student via their MSU email address. Award money will be available before the second payment deadline as described on the Bahamas Study Abroad OSA website. Questions about the grant or application process can be directed to John Rodgers at the following email address: jcr100@msstate.edu. All grant applications must be emailed to John Rodgers by March 5, 2016.

**3. On the following page, provide an essay (300 word maximum) describing the financial need and describing how the Bahamas Field Course will benefit you:**

**4. Terms of Agreement:** I (type your name) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ acknowledge that the information that I entered on this application is correct. I also recognize that if awarded I will only use the award to pay for the trip expenses and that I will send a personal thank you letter to the grant application benefactor (Bill Leibman). Further I acknowledge that if I receive an award but do not go on the trip that I will have to return the money back to the Department of Geosciences.

**[ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_ ] Type your initials in this box to agree to the “Terms of Agreement” as stated above.**

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Essay (300 word max) that describes the financial need and how the program will benefit the student.