

William C. Friday Research Fellowship in Appalachian Studies

William C. Friday was born in Raphine, VA and grew up in Dallas, NC. He holds a bachelor's degree from North Carolina State University and a law degree from University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Friday served in a variety of administrative positions at UNC-CH before being chosen to head the UNC system in 1956.

In 1986, the year of his retirement from the UNC system, a study by the Council of Advancement and Support of Education rated Friday the most effective public university president in the nation. Among his many honors and awards are the American Council on Education's Distinguished Service Award for Lifetime Achievement (1986), the National Humanities Medal (1997), and the American Academy for Education's Jacques Barzun Award (1999).

Friday continues to host *North Carolina People*, a television talk show he started while still president of the UNC system. He also served as Honorary Chair of ASU's Cratis D. Williams NEH Humanities Challenge Grant Fundraising Committee.

Co-sponsored by the Center for Appalachian Studies and the W.L. Eury Appalachian Collection, the William C. Friday Research Fellowship provides up to \$1,000 annually to a full-time Appalachian Studies graduate student to support excellence in original research.

Applicants should submit to the William C. Friday Research Fellowship committee the following:

1. a project proposal of no more than three pages, double-spaced; the proposal should include the following:
 - a. a statement of the problem and its significance
 - b. the methodology
 - c. a discussion of anticipated findings
 - d. a budget of specific expenditures
2. resume
3. a letter of support for the project from a graduate advisor
4. upon receipt of the scholarship, a letter of thanks to Dr. Friday, including a brief synopsis of your research, submitted to the Center office

Applications should be submitted by **October 1** to:
William C. Friday Research Fellowship Committee
c/o Center for Appalachian Studies
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