



# MAAC Student Paper and Poster Competitions

## 2023 Rules

**When and Where:**

March 9-12, 2023

Ocean City Fontainebleau Resort  
10100 Coastal Highway  
Ocean City, MD 21842  
410-524-3535

Use this link to book:

<https://res.windsurfercrs.com/ibe/details.aspx?propertyid=17056&nights=1&checkin=3/8/2023&group=MA0308&lang=en-us>

**Paper and Poster Submission Deadline:**

March 1, 2023

**Send Submissions to:**

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**Email Subject Line:**

MAAC 2023 Student Paper/Poster

**Submission Format:**

Papers: Word doc or PDF only. Papers must be the length of a 20-minute presentation.

Posters: PDF only

Students and recent graduates are invited to submit single-authored papers and posters on any topic related to archaeology in the mid-Atlantic United States. There are two separate contests: one for undergraduates and one for graduate students. Students are placed within the flow of the conference in appropriately themed sessions or may be part of an organized session if they have been invited to do so. Papers will be evaluated by a panel of judges, drawn from the MAAC membership, with diverse backgrounds in the field of archaeology.

**Who can enter?**

Students currently enrolled in an academic program and recent graduates (those within 3 years of receiving a Bachelor's degree or one year of completing a thesis/dissertation) are eligible.

Only single author papers and posters will be considered.

Students must be a member of MAAC, registered for the conference, and must present the paper or poster.

**Guidelines:**

Judges are asked to base their decisions on the following criteria:

Content - Is the work well organized? Is a problem or research question presented and answered by the student? Does the student use archaeological data and/or relevant theory to support the argument? Is the research question placed within a larger social, cultural, or economic context? Are appropriate sources used to support the argument?

Presentation - Judges will consider the oral presentation (the presenter's ability to communicate to an audience) as well as the student's overall presentation of their research. They should also evaluate the use of audio-visual aids.

Contribution to the field - Judges will consider the originality of the research, as well as overall the contribution or usefulness to the field of archaeology.

**Awards:**

The winning students will receive \$100 and a one-year membership in MAAC. The winners will also have their papers published in the Journal of Mid-Atlantic Archaeology (cash award will be held until the work is submitted, in final format, to the journal editor). All participants will be strongly encouraged to submit their papers for publication in the journal.