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INSTITUTE SEEKS PROPOSALS FOR MATTHEW HANSEN ENDOWMENT

MISSOULA—

The University of Montana Wilderness Institute is now accepting proposals for the 2006 Matthew Hansen Endowment.

The endowment, established in 1984 as a memorial to Hansen, grants awards for historical research, creative writing and wilderness studies projects that explore Montana's land and people.

The institute looks for projects that work toward goals that Hansen encouraged – mindful stewardship of the land, both wild and cultivated, and the preservation of Montana's cultural heritage. Projects are reviewed for feasibility and relevance to the endowment's goals.

The endowment committee recommends projects that can be completed in one year. Funding is competitive, and awards range from \$400 to \$1,000.

Proposals must be no more than two pages long and describe how the idea originated, what the project hopes to accomplish, how it is related to Montana's heritage and whom it will benefit.

A third page of the submitted proposal must provide a detailed budget and timeline. Those who submit proposals are asked to provide six copies of a previous work, if available, as well as a brief personal resume that describes their qualifications for completing the project.

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Proposals must be postmarked by March 1.

Send completed proposals to: The Matthew Hansen Endowment, Wilderness Institute, College of Forestry and Conservation, The University of Montana, Missoula, MT 58912.

Hansen's "An Oral History of Montanans at Work," a set of audio tapes, is available for checkout from the Wilderness Institute library. His written works "The South Fork of the Teton River: A History of its People" and "Clearing," a book of poems, also are at the library.

For more information, call the Wilderness Institute at (406) 243-5361, e-mail wi@forestry.umt.edu or go online to <http://www.forestry.umt.edu/wi>.

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