Lee A. Woodward awarded predoctoral fellowship by the National Science Foundation

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Lee A. Woodward of Missoula is one of 186 students awarded predoctoral fellowships for first-year graduate study in the natural sciences and allied fields by the National Science Foundation, Dean Ellis Waldron of the Montana State University Graduate School announced.

Woodward, who will get a B. A in geology from MSU in June, is one of 45 students who received fellowships in the earth sciences. The first-year fellowships carry a basic stipend of $1,600 for the 1958-59 school year. Winners of NSF fellowships for first, intermediate, and final-year predoctoral study were selected from 3,804 applicants from the United States, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico.

The foundation makes the awards to encourage gifted college graduates to take advanced training in the sciences on a full-time basis, Dean Waldron said. NSF fellows may attend any accredited college or university in the United States or abroad. Woodward has not decided where he will do his graduate work.

Predoctoral applicants took examinations for scientific aptitude and achievement, administered by the Educational Testing Service, Princeton, N. J. Each candidate's test scores, academic record, and recommendations were screened by a panel of scientists in his field. This part of the selection process was done for the foundation by the National Research Council. The foundation made the final selection of fellows.

After Woodward received a B. A. in business administration from MSU in 1953, he spent three years in the Army. He returned to the University in 1956 to work for a degree in geology. He has maintained a straight-A average in his geology courses, according to Dr. Fred S. Honkala, department chairman.

Woodward is a son of Mrs. Ellen H. Woodward of Missoula. He is married and has one daughter.

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A 1956 MSU geology graduate, David Boots, received an NSF first-year fellowship in 1956, Dr. Honkala noted. He earned a master's degree from Indiana University and is now continuing work on a doctorate at California Institute of Technology under a second NSF fellowship, awarded in 1957.

Joel Montgomery, graduate assistant in the MSU Geology Dept., won honorable mention in the 1957 NSF awards. He is currently completing work on a master's degree at MSU.