

## *Ruth Croxton Memorial Fellowship*

The *Ruth Croxton Memorial Fellowship* supports graduate students who demonstrate academic skills and leadership abilities and whose research projects involve anthropology, northern studies, northern social or cultural sciences, museum education, and/or museum collection-based research in archaeology, ethnology, or history. Preference is given to students whose studies focus on Interior, Western, and Arctic Alaska with emphasis on the people of these regions, including their relationship with the environment.

### Eligibility

Nominees must be full-time UAF graduate students (enrolled in at least 9 credits) in good standing.

### Application Process

An application can be downloaded at this website:

<http://www.uaf.edu/museum/collections/fellowships>.

Application materials must include: (a) a letter from the student explaining how the award will be used and how it will contribute to knowledge of Northern Alaska and its people; (b) two letters of recommendation.

### Application Deadline

Applications submitted by fax or by regular mail must be received by the University of Alaska Museum of the North by 5 PM, Monday, March 16, 2009. Letters of recommendation submitted separately **MUST** be received by March 16. No exceptions.



Ruth Croxton

### Completed Application

Submit completed application to:

University of Alaska  
Museum of the North  
Attention: Laura Conner  
PO Box 756960  
Fairbanks, AK 99775-6960

### Award Amount

\$1,000 per academic year. Award will be announced by April 31, 2009.

### For More Information, contact:

Laura Conner, 907-474-6950  
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Museum of the North  
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Fairbanks, AK 99775-6960  
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**Ruth Croxton** was a cheerful and energetic young woman challenged by the potential of life. Ruth graduated from Juneau-Douglas High School at the top of her class, was selected Miss University of Alaska in 1971 and excelled at UAF as she completed a bachelor's degree in anthropology in 1973. After two years of graduate studies, she was one of the first women hired to survey archeological sites along the proposed Alyeska oil pipeline. New horizons opened for her and Ruth fell in love with flying, the Arctic and its people.

Ruth saved her money and purchased a Cessna 172. She immersed herself in flying, accumulating hours in Bush Alaska and across the United states and Canada. Returning from Boeing Flight Engineers School with near flawless scores, she became the first woman pilot at Cape Smythe Air Services in Barrow in 1980. In 1981 Ruth became the first woman pilot for Crowley Maritime.

Ruth's aviation dreams ended abruptly with her tragic death near King Cove on July 5, 1981. An archeological site and this Fellowship were named in her honor, memorials to a young woman who was devoted to increasing understanding of the Arctic and its people.