Cratis D. Williams was born in the mountains of eastern Kentucky and was the first to go from the one-room elementary school in Caines Creek in Lawrence County to the high school in Louisa, the county seat. He attended Cumberland College, the University of Kentucky, and received his doctorate from New York University. He came to Appalachian State Teachers College in 1942 and in 1958 became dean of the graduate school that now is named for him, a position he held until 1975. He served briefly as acting chancellor and in later years was special assistant to the chancellor.

Cratis’s life was spent in dedication to the rich narrative, historical, and musical traditions of Appalachia. The symposium held upon his retirement in 1976 was a catalyst for formation of the primary scholarly association of the region, the Appalachian Studies Association. He is recognized as “Mister Appalachia” and the “Complete Mountaineer.” Following his death, his friends and admirers contributed funds to this scholarship which he had created and supported for the benefit of graduate students in Appalachian Studies. Through this scholarship, future generations of graduate students can continue his work in Appalachian Studies.

Eligibility Requirements:
One scholarship of a minimum of $1300 is available annually to a full-time beginning graduate student in Appalachian Studies.

Applicants should submit to the Cratis D. Williams Scholarship Committee:
(1) a 1-2 page letter briefly describing your academic achievements, your future plans, and your financial need
(2) an essay (of less than 10 pages) describing your background, personal and professional interests, and goals in Appalachian Studies
(3) an official transcript (if you have already applied and been accepted to the AS MA program, we can use your transcript from your application package)
(4) a completed application form and resume
(5) a letter of support from a faculty member familiar with your academic performance

Applications must be submitted by April 15 to:
Cratis D. Williams Scholarship Committee
c/o Center for Appalachian Studies
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305 Bodenheimer Dr.
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6. Degrees Earned:
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7. Have you completed your application to the Cratis D. Williams Graduate School?
   Yes _____ No _____

8. Have you applied for a graduate assistantship? Yes_____ No _____

9. Test Scores: Date _____ GRE ___________________________________________
    Verbal/Writing

10. Undergraduate GPA ___________ Graduate GPA ___________

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