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The winner will be announced in the fall of 2007 and receive a \$500 cash prize and a certificate. Three copies of the thesis and a brief letter of nomination from the thesis advisor should be submitted to Linda Sinclair, Iowa History Center, Simpson College, 701 North C Street, Indianola, IA 50125. The application deadline is June 4, 2007.

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