FISCHER SCHOLARSHIPS
FOR
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ABOUT THE SCHOLARSHIP
The Fischer Scholarship Program is supported by a trust fund established by Professor Warren Fischer, who along with Mrs. Rose Fischer, taught for many years on the UW-Whitewater campus. Grants have been awarded from this fund each semester since 1978. The Fischer’s goal was to improve the quality of geographic education. Information regarding the Fischer Scholarship Program can be obtained by contacting the Department of Geography and Geology in Upham Hall 120 or calling (262) 472-1071.

SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY
1) Must be a full-time student (at least 12 units throughout the entire semester) during the semester that the scholarship is in effect. 2) Must be a declared major or minor in geography; 3) Be declared in one of the education curricula. 4) Each semester schedule must include at least one Geography course until either the geography major or minor has been completed. 5) For scholarship renewal, applicants must: a) be enrolled in at least one geography course each semester until the major or minor is completed; b) have completed 12 units toward the degree during the preceding semester including at least one geography course; and c) maintain a grade point average necessary to remain in good standing in their education curriculum.

NOTE: If you are notified that you have been selected for a Fischer Scholarship award and you are receiving a Financial Aid package through the University Financial Aid Office, it is your responsibility to contact that office to determine whether or not your package will be affected. If the amount of your grant from Financial Aid will be reduced, you may consider turning down the Fischer Scholarship.

APPLICATION DEADLINE & INTERVIEW DATES
1) By 4:00 PM, Thursday, March 10th, 2016 applicants must supply the Committee with a typed application; current Academic Report, including a class schedule for Spring 2016; and, a list of courses for which they will register for the Fall 2016 semester.
2) CONTINUING APPLICANTS are required to attend a potluck dinner/reception being held in Upham Hall 143, on Thursday, March 17th, 2016 from 5:30 - 8:00 pm. An excused absence from work or a class to attend this activity may be requested from the Chair of the Department of Geography and Geology.

AFTER THE INTERVIEW
1) A few weeks after the interviews the committee will meet and make decisions on the awards for the Fall 2016 semester. Those receiving awards will receive a letter at their local address informing them of the amount of the award. If you have questions regarding the contents of the letter, you are encouraged to inquire immediately in the Department of Geography and Geology, Upham Hall 120; or phone 472-1071
2) By 4:00 P.M. Tuesday, April 12th, 2016 the applicant must inform the Committee in writing (NO emails) whether he or she will accept the scholarship. No response by that date will be interpreted as a rejection. Please return your written acceptance statement to the Department of Geography and Geology, Upham Hall 120, UW-Whitewater, Whitewater, WI 53190
3) If a Fischer Scholarship is accepted, it is expected that the semester program for which the applicant is enrolled will be completed; specifically, the completion of at least 12 units and at least one geography course (or if enrolled in student teaching or an internship, the completion of said course). If during the semester, a recipient withdraws from the University, withdraws from all geography courses, withdraws from student teaching (internship) or drops below 12 credits, the full amount of the scholarship must be returned.

4) Unless the award exceeds the amount of tuition and fees, no money will be awarded directly to the recipient. Rather the amount of the scholarship will be placed in escrow with the UWW Student Billing Office and that amount will be deducted from the recipient’s fees for the semester following the interview. The money is credited to your account the week that the bill is due. Questions regarding when it will be credited should be directed to financial services.

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**PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

The tentative date for the **Fall 2016 Fischer Scholarship Interviews/Program Activities** is set for a **Thursday in mid-November 2016; applications will be due one week before the banquet**. Attendance and participation are expected. Verification for an excused absence from work or a class to attend this activity may be requested from the Chair of the Department of Geography and Geology.

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**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION CHECKLIST**

___ Complete the application.

___ Prepare a typed list of tentative courses to be taken in **Fall Semester 2016**.

___ Attach a current Academic Report and your **Spring 2016 semester** schedule to your application.

___ Return your application, AR and lists of courses to Upham Hall 120, prior to the application deadline: **4:00 PM, Thursday, March 10th, 2016**. Also, sign up for a group interview on Thursday, March 17th, 2016. There will be a sign up sheet in the office.

___ Mark your calendar for the potluck dinner/reception in Upham Hall 150, from 5:30 – 8:00 pm, **Thursday, March 17th, 2016**. You must contact the Fischer Scholarship Committee in writing, in advance, if you are unable to attend.

FOR THE POTLUCK: Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share.