FISCHER SCHOLARSHIPS
FOR
BSE NEW APPLICANTS

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, at (262) 472-1071, or on the Geography web page.

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're notified that you've been selected for a Fischer Scholarship award and you're 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 DATE
1) By 4:00 PM, Thursday, March 12th, 2015 applicants must supply the Committee with a typed application: current Academic Report, including a class schedule for Spring 2015, and a list of courses for which they will register for the Fall 2015 semester.
2) Prior to 4:00 PM, Thursday, March 19th, 2015 new applicants should arrange for a 15 minute interview time, on the sign-up sheet in the Department of Geography and Geology office in Upham Hall 120. Interviews for Scholarships to be awarded for Fall 2015 will be held Thursday, March 19th, 2015.
3) NEW APPLICANTS—You are required to attend the potluck/reception in 150 Upham Hall from 5:30-8:00pm on Thursday, March 19th, 2015. 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 short time after the interviews the committee will meet and make decisions on the awards for the Fall 2015 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. Thursday, April 9th, 2015 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 a recipient withdraws from the University during the semester, withdraws from all geography courses or student teaching (internship) or drops below twelve 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 the bill is due. Questions regarding when it will be credited should be directed to financial services.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The tentative date for the Fall 2015 Fischer Scholarship Interviews/Program Activities is set for a Thursday, Mid-November 2015; 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.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION CHECKLIST

___ Complete the application.

___ Prepare a typed list of tentative courses to be taken in Fall Semester 2015.

___ Attach a current Academic Report and your Spring 2015 schedule to your application.

___ Return your application, AR and list of courses to Upham Hall 120, prior to the application deadline: 4:00 PM, Thursday, March 12th, 2015 and plan to attend the potluck dinner/reception, 5:30-8:00 pm on March 19th, 2015 in 150 Upham Hall.

___ First-time applicants - Make an appointment for your interview on Thursday, March 19th, 2015. There is a sign-up sheet in the Geography Department office.

FOR THE POTLUCK: Please bring an appetizer or a dessert.