

# FISCHER SCHOLARSHIP FOR CONTINUING BSE SCHOLARS SPRING 2007

## 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. **In excess of \$100,000 per year is available for distribution to approximately 40 to 50 qualified students.** 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 AND DATE OF INTERVIEWS

1) **By 4:00 PM, Friday, November 3, 2006** applicants must supply the Committee with a typed application; current Academic Report, including a class schedule for Fall 2006; and, a list of courses for which they will register for which they will register for the Spring 2007 semester. **All continuing applicants in the College of Education who have received scholarship awards the previous two semesters or more, and were not interviewed in the past year, are required to sign-up for a 30-minute small - group interview. Interviews will be held Thursday, November 9, 2006.**

2) CONTINUING APPLICANTS are required to attend a **potluck** dinner/reception being held in Upham Hall Room 143, on Thursday, November 9, 2006 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) By the **third Wednesday [November 29, 2006]** after the interview, applicants will be notified by mail at their local address as to the decision of the committee. The letter will inform the applicant whether he or she will be awarded a scholarship and the amount of the award. If the applicant does not receive the letter by this date they should contact the Department of Geography and Geology, Upham Hall 120, phone 472-1071; or if they have any questions regarding contents of the letter, they are encouraged to inquire immediately.

2) By 4:00 P.M. **December 07, 2006** 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 **(no emails)**.

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 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.

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### PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The tentative date for the Fall **2007 Fischer Scholarship Interviews/Program Activities** is tentatively set for **Thursday, March 21, 2007**, applications will be due **Friday, March 16, 2007**. 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

- \_\_\_ Type your application.
- \_\_\_ Prepare a typed list of tentative courses to be taken in Spring **Semester 2007**.
- \_\_\_ Attach a current Academic Report and your Fall **2006** schedule to your application.
- \_\_\_ **Return your application, AR and lists of courses to Upham Hall 120, prior to the application deadline: 4:00 PM, Friday, November 3, 2006. Also, sign up for a group interview on Thursday, November 9, 2006.**
- \_\_\_ Mark your calendar for the **potluck dinner/reception in Upham Hall room 143, 5:30 - 8:00 pm, Thursday, November 9, 2006**. You must contact the Fischer Scholarship Committee in writing, in advance, if you are unable to attend

**FOR THE POTLUCK:** Please bring a salad, chips/dip, hot dish, relishes, or a dessert, the entrée will be furnished.

Semester Applied for Spring 2007

Date of Application \_\_\_\_\_

**Warren and Rose Fischer Scholarship  
Application Form – continuing BSE applicant**  
(Must be typed!)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ID \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

Local Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/Home \_\_\_\_\_ Local \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

1. What Education Degree Program have you declared? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Have you passed the Pre-Professional Skills Test (PPST)? \_\_\_\_\_
3. List volunteer work experiences you have completed: \_\_\_\_\_
4. How many of the 350 hours of Experiences With Learners have you completed? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Have you been admitted to Professional Education for certification/degree program? \_\_\_\_\_
6. What is your GPA and are you in good standing with the College of Education? \_\_\_\_\_
7. What is your major? \_\_\_\_\_ What is your minor? \_\_\_\_\_
8. Credits completed (end of current term) in geography: \_\_\_\_\_
9. What is your projected semester of graduation? \_\_\_\_\_
10. As a continuing Fischer Scholar, the committee is requesting a one-page narrative describing your progress toward meeting your goals of becoming an educator. The narrative should be single-spaced using a 12-point font. Guidelines for the narrative are flexible, but the Scholarship Review Committee wants you to address several specific items, depending on your status. Select the appropriate category from the following list:
  - a) **Not yet accepted into the Professional Education program.**  
Discuss your progress over the last semester towards admission into the Professional Education program. In your narrative, discuss what you have learned from your course work and related activities, such as preparing for the PPST, doing volunteer work, and gaining Experience with Learners. Other items to discuss include your educational goals and what inspires you to become a teacher.
  - b) **Accepted into the Professional Education program.**  
If you have completed all entrance requirements to the Professional Education program, your narrative should indicate so and should discuss your progress toward graduation and Teacher Licensure. Are you continuing to do volunteer work and working in different classroom environments? Also, be sure to tell us what initially inspired you to become a teacher and are you still inspired?

**For further information contact: Department of Geography and Geology**  
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