

FISCHER SCHOLARSHIP FOR BSE NEW APPLICANTS 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**, 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 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 the Spring 2007 semester.

2) **Prior to 4:00 PM, Friday, November 3, 2006** new applicants should arrange for a 15 minute interview time, call 472-1071 or contact the Department of *Geography and Geology at Upham Hall 120*. **Interviews for Scholarships to be awarded for Spring 2007 will be held Wednesday, November 8, 2006.**

3) **NEW APPLICANTS— You are required to attend the potluck dinner/reception in Upham Hall room 143 from 5:30-8:00 pm on Thursday, November 9, 2006. 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 email)**, 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 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.

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*.

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 list of courses to Upham Hall 120, prior to the application deadline: 4:00 PM, Friday, November 3, 2006 and plan to attend the potluck dinner/reception, 5:30-8:00 pm on November 9, 2006 in Upham Hall 143.**
- ___ First-time applicants - make an appointment by **Friday, November 3, 2006** for your **interview** on **Wednesday, November 8, 2006**.

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

Semester Applied for Spring 2007

Date of Application _____

**Warren and Rose Fischer Scholarship
Application Form - *new applicant***
(Must be typed!)

Name: _____ ID _____

Home Address _____
Street City State Zip

Local Address _____

Phone/Home _____ Local _____ Email _____

High School _____

1. Do you definitely plan to enroll as a full-time student (minimum 12 sem. hrs.) at UW-Whitewater?
Date of enrollment _____
2. Which teaching program are you pursuing? _____
(Indicate one of the following : Elementary, Secondary, Special, Safety, Business Education, Physical Education.)
3. Do you plan on a major in geography as prescribed in the University Bulletin, or a minor in geography as prescribed in the University Bulletin?
Indicate which major or minor: _____
4. In which geography course are you enrolling during your first semester of application?
Course number _____ Course title _____
Course number _____ Course title _____
 - a. Have you had a course in geography at either the high school or college levels? _____
Course title _____
Course title _____
 - b. If High School Senior or 1st semester College Freshman:
GPA _____ Rank in class _____ Number in class _____ SAT/ACT (if available) _____
 - c. Would it be possible for you to visit Whitewater for a personal interview? _____
5. How do you explain your interest in the discipline of geography? (Please use reverse side if more space is needed).

For further information contact: Department of Geography and Geology, Upham Hall 120
UW-Whitewater, Whitewater, WI 53190 / Phone (262)472-1071