



Richard Kirchner Scholarship

Department of Recreation, Parks, & Leisure Services Administration
Central Michigan University

Description:

The Richard Kirchner Scholarship was established in honor of Dr. Dick Kirchner, who was the Department's first chairperson from 1956-1992. Dr. Kirchner's visionary leadership led to our programs' concentrations, national accreditation, and the first recreation minor in the United States.

Award:

Four scholarships, in the amount of **\$2,000.00** each, will be awarded to undergraduate students majoring in RPL. Consideration will be given to the awarding of one scholarship per concentration, but only if there are equally qualified candidates.

Eligibility Factors:

1. Signed RPL major.
2. Completion of eight hours of RPL course work.
3. 3.0 overall GPA in RPL course work.
4. *Students may only apply for the KIRCHNER or the DOYLE, in an academic year. NOT BOTH.*

Procedure:

1. The following materials must be:
 - Mailed to: Central Michigan University, RPL / FI 214 / Scholarships, Attn: Bettie Ricolo, Mount Pleasant, MI 48859**OR**
 - Hand Delivered to: FI 214, to the attention of Scholarships / Bettie Ricolo.
 - a. Completed cover sheet
 - b. Response to question
 - c. Work / Service reference (*cannot be a RPL professor*)
 - d. Copy of student transcripts (*does not need to be an official copy*)
 - e. Resume
2. All applications that are received by the designated deadline will be evaluated by the faculty review committee to determine eligibility for interviewing.
3. Applicants will be notified of the selection process results no sooner than 30 days after the submission deadline.

Criteria Used for Evaluation:

1. Materials must be completed and presented in a professional manner.
2. Demonstrated leadership in RPL through any of the following: practical experience, community service/volunteerism, professional development experiences.
3. Demonstrated quality in academic performance.
4. Develop philosophical perspective on the value of academic preparation and recreation/leisure to individual, communities, and a society.
5. Work / Service reference, with original signature. (Preferably from a recreation facility/program).

Cover Sheet for:

Richard Kirchner Scholarship

Application Deadline: **Monday, April 4, 2022**

Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial	Student ID Number
Home Address	City	State	Zip Code
Local Address	City	State	Zip Code
CMU email address	Phone (cell)	Phone (home)	

Recreation, Parks, and Leisure Services Administration Concentration: (**please circle**)

Recreation and Event Management	Outdoor	Therapeutic
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RPL Academic Advisor with whom you've signed your major:

To the Candidate: Please respond to the following two questions, using a total maximum of three typed pages, single-spaced. Be as complete as possible.

1. Why is academic success important to you and to the recreation profession in your preparation for a career in the field?
2. Describe the value and importance of recreation and leisure to individuals, communities, and society.

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Work / Service Source (cannot be a RPL professor)
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Student's Name: _____

This student is applying for a scholarship at Central Michigan University, offered by the Department of Recreation, Parks, and Leisure Services Administration. This scholarship is annually awarded to individuals in this curriculum who have demonstrated outstanding performance in their career pursuit. A requirement for the application process is the completion of a supportive reference. Your prompt response, in completing this form, will allow this student to be considered. Please: complete this form, print, sign, and seal in envelope. Return to student for submission with the application packet.

How long have you known this student?
In what capacity have you known this student?
In comparison with other students, how would you rate this candidate? <i>Please select one of the following choices:</i> ___ top 5%, ___ top 10%, ___ top 25%, ___ top 50%, ___ below 50%, ___ n/a.

This information shall remain confidential.

Name of Agency / Facility / Institution:	
Job Title of Reference:	
Printed Name of Reference:	
Signature:	Date:

Please elaborate on your evaluation of this student in the capacity that you have known him/her. Information regarding strengths, areas for growth, and any detailed information regarding performance skills would be most helpful.