



Ron & Susan Bacon Outdoor Recreation Award

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

Application Deadline: Friday, March 21, 2025

Description:

The Ron & Susan Bacon Outdoor Recreation Award, was established by Ron Bacon in 2007 in honor of his parents - Ron R. and Sophia Bacon. This annual scholarship will be awarded to a Central Michigan University student that meets the criteria listed here and is chosen by the RPL Awards Committee.

Award:

One award in the amount of \$4,000.00 will be given annually to an undergraduate student who meets the following.

Eligibility Factors:

1. Signed major in outdoor and environmental recreation
2. Completion of 56 credit hours
3. Must be returning to Central Michigan University in the fall of the application year

Procedure:

1. The following materials must be:
 - Mailed to: Central Michigan University / RPL / FI 214 / Mount Pleasant, MI 48859 / Attention: Bettie Ricolo; Scholarships
 - OR
 - Hand Delivered to: FI 214 / Attention: Bettie Ricolo; Scholarships
 - a. Completed cover sheet
 - b. Two references of a specific nature
 - c. Resume
 - d. Documentation proving activity in the field of study (which may not be listed on the resume)
 - e. A one-page paper about your personal perspective on the value of outdoor recreation to individuals, communities and society
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 involvement in outdoor recreation activities.
3. Developed personal perspective on the value of outdoor recreation.
4. Two supportive references, with original signatures. One from each of the following categories:
 - a. Personal source (cannot be an RPL reference)
 - b. Work/service source (preferably from an experience related to the outdoor recreation industry)

Cover Sheet

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Last Name First Name Middle Initial Student ID Number

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Home Address City State Zip Code

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Local Address City State Zip Code

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CMU email address Phone (cell) Phone (home)

RPL Academic Advisor with whom you've signed your major:
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Personal 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.

This information shall remain confidential.

How long have you known this student?	
Name 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 other information you feel would be helpful, would be helpful and appreciated.

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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.