



Richard Kirchner Scholarship

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

Application Deadline: Friday, March 21, 2025

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 U.S.

Award:

Three awards in the amount of \$3,000.00 will be given annually to undergraduate students majoring in RPL. Consideration will be given to the awarding of scholarship per program, but only if there are equally qualified candidates.

Eligibility Factors:

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

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. Response to question
 - c. Resume
 - d. Copy of student transcripts (*does not have to be an official copy*)
 - e. Work / service reference (*cannot be an RPL professor*)
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 society.
5. Work / services reference, with original signature, preferably from a recreation facility/program.

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)

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

Event & Recreation Mgt	Outdoor & Environmental Rec	Recreational Therapy & Rehab
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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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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.