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Scottie and Dr. Carl Fenn Scholarship Special Education Department

Application Deadline: April 7 @ 4:00 PM

Please forward all application materials to:

Scholarship Committee
Department of Special Education
40 Horrabin Hall
Western Illinois University
Macomb IL 61455-1390

EVALUATION CRITERIA: Applications will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

**Preference will be given to students with a mental disabilities program emphasis.

1. **STUDENT STANDING:** Applicants must be full-time undergraduate or graduate Special Education majors. Undergraduates must have obtained a minimum of junior standing.
2. **GRADE POINT AVERAGE:** A cumulative grade point average of 3.00 or better is required to apply.
3. **RECOMMENDATIONS:** Two letters of professional recommendation from individuals who can attest to the applicant's commitment to individuals with disabilities, skills acquired to be an effective educator, and participation in activities that support special education must be received.
4. **SERVICE ACTIVITIES:** The applicant should document a high degree of involvement in activities that support individuals with special needs. Students who are active in CEC and Special Olympics will be given preference. Involvement in camp counseling, tutoring, teaching, and working with individuals with developmental disabilities will be used to determine professional commitment.
5. **PERSONAL STATEMENT:** The applicant should clearly articulate his/her personal philosophy of teaching students with exceptionalities and substantiate his/her desire to become a competent and effective special educator.

Final selection of the recipient of the scholarship will be made by the Special Education Department Scholarship Committee. The amount of the scholarship is \$250. The amount of the scholarship varies yearly. The award may be divided among one or more students. One half of the award will be given at the beginning of the first semester and the second half at the beginning of the second semester.

The recipient and his/her family will be honored at the Annual Scholars' Recognition Ceremony hosted by the Western Illinois University Foundation.



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A. STUDENT INFORMATION: **PLEASE TYPE!**

1. Name: _____ ID#: _____
(Last, First, MI)

2. Local Address: _____ Local Phone: _____

Home Address: _____ Home Phone: _____

Parent's Name: _____

3. Ethnicity (optional): (please check one)

African American
 Hispanic American
 White, not Hispanic

Asian American
 Native American
 Other

4. Class standing (please check one): Junior Senior

5. Cumulative grade point average: _____

6. Cumulative grade point average in major (special education courses):

B. PERSONAL INFORMATION: Please respond to the following in narrative form on separate paper. It is suggested that in the scholarship application, the heading below be followed closely. All components must be included in the application for consideration. Applications should be no more than three pages in length.

1. BACKGROUND: Applicant should briefly describe personal history. For example, information about the student's upbringing, educational experiences, and events that encouraged applicant to choose special education as a career.

2. SERVICE ACTIVITIES: The applicant should describe his/her degree of involvement in extracurricular activities such as Council for Exceptional Children (CEC), Special Olympics, or other related activities.

3. WORK EXPERIENCE: The applicant should list and describe the paid and volunteer work experiences that he/she has held.

4. PERSONAL STATEMENT: The applicant should substantiate a sincere desire to become a competent and effective teacher of students with special needs. The applicant should describe his/her approach to working with students with exceptionalities, including specific teaching goals, and career goals.

To the best of my knowledge, all of the above information is true.

Signature of Applicant