

Wisconsin Land Information Association

Damon Anderson Memorial Scholarship Fund

The Wisconsin Land Information Association (WLIA) has established the Damon Anderson Memorial Scholarship Fund to help students working toward a degree related to land information (such as geographic information systems, geography, and urban planning). This scholarship is being funded through donations to the fund from private individuals, organizations, and other funding activities of WLIA. Two scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each will be distributed by the WLIA Board of Directors prior to August 1, 2009. The scholarship will also include a one year student membership and free registration to our 2010 Annual Conference.

- Applications must be received before June 12th, 2009. Applications shall be submitted to the WLIA Scholarship Committee on forms prepared by the WLIA. All applications **must be typed** and all application materials (i.e. letters of recommendation) **must be submitted together** in order for the application to be considered.
- Applicants must be a member of a senior high school class or graduate of a secondary school, including those who are beyond high school age but are continuing their education. This award is available to students accepted or enrolled in a full or part time curriculum that will result in a diploma from an accredited program.
- Preference will be given to students seeking advanced education in a science or field of study closely related to the work performed by members of the WLIA.
- Applications for a Damon Anderson Memorial Scholarship shall include the following:
 - A properly completed application form.
 - Reference letters from 2 persons, one of which will be from an advisor/instructor, unrelated to the applicant that address the applicant's academic ability, professional potential, applicable work experience, community service, extra curricular activities, financial need, or any other relevant information that supports the candidate's application.

SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION PROCEDURE

1. All applications will be considered if received prior to the deadline of the calendar year.
2. All items submitted become property of the WLIA Scholarship Committee.
3. The submittals will be reviewed by the WLIA Scholarship Committee within and not more than 60 days after the annual submittal deadline. The committee members completing the review will sign off on the winning application.
4. The application will be evaluated on the following criteria:
 - a. Application properly completed and submitted.
 - b. Advisor/Instructor recommendation.
 - c. Academic achievement.
 - d. Financial need.
 - e. Extracurricular activity.
 - f. Supporting statements or recommendations from others.
 - g. Applicant's thoughts/statements.
 - h. Involvement in organizations.
5. The scholarship recipient(s) will receive the award after providing confirmation of registration for the current or next term to the WLIA Executive Services Manager. The award will be presented in the form of a check made out jointly to the winner and the chosen institution of Scholarship higher education.
6. The decision of the selection panel is final.
7. The recipient(s) will be acknowledged in the Land Information Quarterly newsletter and at the Fall WLIA Regional Seminar. The recipient will also be awarded a complimentary registration to the next WLIA annual conference, following the award date.

II. Academic Records and Achievements - High School or Post Secondary Education

a. List school(s) attended in order, with most recent first:

Post-Secondary			
School Name	City/State	Dates	Degree
High School			
School Name	City/State	Dates	Degree

b. List any academic honors you have received (National Honor Society, Valedictorian, Honor Roll, etc.)

c. List any offices or leadership positions you have held and the name of the organization:

III. Applicant's Statements

a. Please describe your career goals for the first 5 years after completing your education: (no more than 1 page, please)

b. Why do you believe you are the best candidate to receive the WLIA scholarship award? Please include any pertinent information, including any financial need. (no more than 1 page, please)

I have provided full information concerning this application to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the failure to provide true and complete information could result in the removal of my application from consideration.

Applicant Signature

Date

Print Name

Please return your application no later than June 12th, 2009 via mail or email to:

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