HHD Scholarship Description and Criteria

Margaret Aitken Scholarship

This scholarship honors Margaret Aitken, who taught at Western for 38 years and was the Physical Education Department Chair from 1964 to 1980. The scholarship varies in the number of awards given from year to year.

Eligibility & Criteria includes:

- Pursuing a degree in P-12 Physical Education or Kinesiology
- 3.0 GPA minimum
- Teaching experience in P-12 Physical Education
- Three letters of recommendation (one of which should be a departmental faculty member), plus an official transcript
- Application requires written statements about professional experience and future goals
- Preferably will be awarded to a student for the academic year. Summer school applicants may be considered

The criteria may be changed upon receipt of written instruction from the donor with the approval by the Western Foundation.

Evelyn Ames Community Health Scholarship

This scholarship is funded by Dr. Evelyn Ames, a faculty member in the Department of Physical Education, Health and Recreation (now the Department of Health and Human Development) at Western from 1964-2003. Dr. Ames single-handedly developed, implemented and coordinated a high-quality undergraduate program in Community Health Education that over the years produced a well-respected group of health professionals.

Eligibility and Criteria includes:

- A declared Public Health major
- Submit a current resume including service-learning experience in Health Education and a statement of professional career goals in Behavioral and Community Health
- Be enrolled in senior Public Health major courses at the start of fall quarter
- GPA of 3.2 or higher established at Western Washington University

The criteria may be changed upon receipt of written instruction from the donor with the approval by the Western Foundation.
Chappelle Arnett Scholarship
This scholarship honors Chappelle Arnett, who taught at Western for 30 years and was Department Chair from 1980 to 1988. Dr. Arnett made significant contributions to physical education at the elementary level and was responsible for initiating the development of the department’s kinesiology curriculum.

Eligibility and Criteria includes:
- This scholarship is for undergraduates pursuing a degree in Kinesiology or P-12 Physical Education
- Demonstrated service to the university or community

The criteria may be changed upon receipt of written instruction from the Department of Health and Human Development and with written approval from the Western Foundation.

Willis Ball Memorial Scholarship
This scholarship honors Willis L. Ball, class of 1956, the first African American to graduate from Western Washington University in 1956.

Eligibility and Criteria includes:
- Scholarship will be awarded to a student majoring in Physical Education, Community Health or Recreation
- Recipient must be from an underrepresented racial or ethnic minority
- Recipient must demonstrate financial need
- Recipient must demonstrate academic promise and community service

This scholarship is privately funded, and award amount varies from year to year. The criteria may be changed by the Board of Directors of the Western Foundation.

Roy and Margaret Clumpner Annual Scholarship
This annual scholarship is funded by Roy and Margaret Clumpner. Roy Clumpner taught physical education pedagogy for 30 years as well as serving as Department Chair for four in what was then known as the Department of Physical Education, Health and Recreation. During his 30 years in the department, he was instrumental in the development of the secondary pedagogy program and together with his teaching partner, LeaAnn Martin (elementary) created the “Block Program” which is one of the most respected pedagogy programs in North America as students begin working on their teaching skills the first quarter in
the six-quarter program. This scholarship is intended to assist those interested in teaching physical education skills and have promise but do not have the financial resources to do so and are the first in their family to go to college.

Eligibility and Criteria includes:

- Written statement of financial need with supporting documentation
- First generation college student
- Minimum GPA as required by program
- Letter from a professional who has observed the applicant work with children or adolescents and shows promise as a potential teacher

Priority:

1. Physical Education majors with the intention to teach at the elementary or secondary levels
2. Evidence of promise as a potential teacher (see 4 above)
3. Admission to Woodring College of Education

Jean Crowell Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship honors Jean Crowell. The Crowell family, having been a part of the medical community in Whatcom County, wished to offer scholarships through Western.

Eligibility and Criteria includes:

- Scholarships will be awarded annually to outstanding students majoring in Kinesiology with an emphasis in Pre-Physical Therapy.
- Students must be full time students
- Demonstrate significant financial need

Each scholarship award distribution shall be a minimum of $1,000. The criteria may be changed upon receipt of written instruction of the donor and with approval by the Western Foundation.
**Birrell Dinnetz Physical Education Scholarship**

This scholarship is funded by Birrell Dinnetz, an individual recognized as an outstanding physical education teacher as well as a coach. Following graduation from the University of Washington in 1946, she taught for four years in the middle schools in Mukilteo; from there she moved to Everett schools and taught at Everett and Cascade High Schools for 28 years.

**Eligibility and Criteria includes:**

- Declared P-12 Physical Education major within the Department of Health and Human Development
- Submit an essay describing your community service involving children and how it has prepared you for a career in teaching Physical Education

Recipient of this scholarship is to be chosen by the Dean and his or her designee.

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**Departmental Tuition Fee Waiver Scholarship (1, 2 or 3 awards)**

This scholarship is funded by Western through the Western Washington University Foundation (contingent on funding).

**Eligibility and Criteria includes:**

- Declared major in Community Health, P-12 Physical Education, Recreation, or Kinesiology in the fall term of the year in which they receive the award. At the time of application, the student must be a major or a pre-major in the Department of Health and Human Development
- Essay demonstrating participation in university and/or community/school major-related programs and activities
Double-Eagle III Scholarship

The Double-Eagle III Scholarship was made possible by the generosity of Captain Margit Loser and Captain Frances Frazier. The Double-Eagle III Scholarship will be awarded to the student who has demonstrated exceptional leadership qualities and potential through professional experience, or volunteer activities in the service of others. Preference will be given to Recreation Majors.

Eligibility and Criteria includes:

- Students majoring in the Health and Human Development Department, with preference to students whose emphasis is on Recreation
- Demonstration of leadership qualities through professional experiences, or volunteer activity in the service of others
- Recipients must be U.S. citizens

This scholarship is awarded by the Chair of the Health and Human Development Department or his/her designee.

Jake Merrill Outdoor Leadership Scholarship

This scholarship was established to honor Jake Merrill’s commitment to education and to quality outdoor leadership. Each year an award will be made to a student(s) who demonstrated financial need, potential in the area of outdoor leadership, and a commitment to the development of community through outdoor engagement.

Eligibility and Criteria includes:

- A completed scholarship application form
- A short essay addressing the following criteria (not to exceed 1000 words):
  1) Outstanding potential in the field of outdoor leadership
  2) Financial need
- A commitment to using outdoor leadership to develop and foster a strong sense of community
- Minimum GPA 3.0
- Three letters of recommendation (may not be a Recreation faculty member)

This scholarship is awarded by the Health and Human Development Department or his/her designee.
**Jake Merrill Fund for Outdoor Leadership, Safety and Training**

The Jake Merrill Fund for Outdoor Leadership, Safety and Training was established to honor Jake Merrill’s commitment to education and quality outdoor leadership. Awards will be made annually to students who demonstrate financial need, potential in the area of outdoor leadership, and a commitment to the development of community through outdoor engagement.

The purpose of these training awards is to provide support for students at Western Washington University who are interested in further developing their outdoor leadership skills, especially in the area of wilderness medical training, avalanche training and awareness, and high angle rescue. The award recipients will receive one of three opportunities:

1) One course in Wilderness as a First Responder at WWU,
2) One course in avalanche training, or
3) One course in high angle rescue.

The scholarships are made possible by Mt. Baker Mountain Guides (John Minier, owner), North Cascades Mountain Guides (Larry Goldie, owner), and the Jake Merrill Program Endowment.

**Eligibility and Criteria includes:**

A short essay that addresses the criteria in [Jake Merrill Outdoor Leadership Training Awards](#)
Kathy Knutzen Scholarship for Kinesiology

The purpose of this scholarship endowment is to provide support for students with outstanding academic merit in the Health and Human Development Department majoring in Kinesiology. Preference should be made to applicants who demonstrate a financial need and are engaged in research/scholarship in Kinesiology.

Eligibility and Criteria includes:

- Scholarship shall be awarded to a student majoring in Kinesiology
- Demonstrate a financial need
- Engaged in research/scholarship in Kinesiology

This scholarship is awarded by the Health and Human Development Department or his/her designee.

Dr. LeaAnn Martin Scholarship for Physical Educators of the Future

Dr. LeaAnn Martin began teaching in the Kinesiology and Physical Education program at Western Washington University in 1991. Over the course of her career, she has educated, trained, mentored and inspired hundreds of students who have gone on to become respected, and in many cases, award-winning physical educators. During her time at WWU, she was named the College Professional Physical Educator of the Year, was awarded Western’s Peter J. Elich Excellence in Teaching Award and served as the Dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences. The fund may be used to pay any costs related to professional certification, licensing and educational expenses, including but not limited to, test fees, certification fees, application and fingerprinting fees, tuition, books, materials, supplies, etc.

Eligibility and Criteria includes:

- Declared major in P-12 Physical Education and Health
- 3.0 GPA minimum
- Be enrolled in P-12 Physical Education and Health at the beginning of fall quarter
- Demonstrate experience and/or potential for teaching and leadership in the Physical Education and Health profession
Manfred and Diane C. Parker Endowment Scholarship

This scholarship endowment is to provide support for students in the Health and Human Development Department.

Eligibility and Criteria includes:

- HHD major interested in wellness, fitness and health promotion
- Academic performance may be a consideration, but need not be an only factor
- Preference given to students who, in the judgment of faculty, will make an enduring contribution to professions that support preventative approaches for maintaining health and fitness

This scholarship is awarded by the Health and Human Development Department or his/her designee.

Ralph Vernacchia Sport Psychology Scholarship

This $1,000 scholarship is funded annually by Ralph and Carolyn Vernacchia. Ralph Vernacchia served as faculty at Western in the Physical Education, Health, and Recreation Department (now the Health and Human Development Department); member of Sport/Psychology/Kinesiology.

Eligibility and Criteria includes:

- Declared Sport Psychology major
- Minimum junior status at time of application
- Minimum 3.0 GPA
- Completion of KIN 320 (Sport Psychology) with a grade of B or better
- Currently a member of a WWU Intercollegiate Athletic Team

Should there be no students who fit the criteria, the scholarship will carry forward to the following year.
Recreation Management and Leadership Legacy Scholarship
(For Recreation Management and Leadership Majors While on Their Internship)

This scholarship honors students in previous phases who have made continuing contributions to the fund to help offset the costs associated with recreation majors’ internships. Over the past several years, Phase IV students have raised over $13,000 for the Legacy Scholarship fund though their fundraising efforts. The scholarship award for each year depends on available funds, but typically ranges from $250 to $750. Funds will be disbursed the quarter students are on their internships.

Eligibility and Criteria includes:

- Recipient must be a Recreation Management and Leadership major
- Successfully complete Phase II of the Recreation Management and Leadership major
- Register for RECR 472 - Internship II (summer quarter 2022)
- Recipient must demonstrate of financial need
- Recipient must demonstrate the coherence between the internship and the applicant’s career goals. In some cases, consideration may also be given to academic history and/or phase involvement. Award decisions are made by a selection committee comprised of Recreation Management and Leadership faculty.

Ruth Weythman Van Wickle Scholarship

This scholarship is available for undergraduates enrolled in the Physical Education and Health P-12 program. The recipient of this scholarship will be selected by the Physical Education and Health P-12 faculty.

Eligibility and Criteria includes:

- Student majoring in Physical Education
- Demonstrated service to the university or community
- Minimum GPA of 3.3
- Senior status

The scholarship is to be awarded by the Physical Education and Health P-12 faculty.
**Williams P.E. Scholarship**

This scholarship honors Dr. Lloyd Williams who received two Bachelors of Art degrees from Western in the late 40’s. He was both a teacher and coach for 28 years in Washington State. Scholarships are for students in the department who intend to teach at the elementary or secondary level.

**Eligibility and Criteria includes:**

- Applicants shall be Washington state residents and given preference in the following order: Graduates from Arlington, Marysville, Snohomish, Washington public schools

The following criteria for award are to be considered in the following order of priority:

- Physical Education majors with a stated intention to teach at the elementary or secondary level
- Financial need as determined by the selection committee
- Applicants who have voluntarily participated in community service, youth, or political activities
- Academic performance as determined by grade point average

**Susan Joy Stevens Scholarship Fund**

This scholarship honors Susan Joy Stevens who graduated from Western and went on to become an internationally renowned champion athlete and a beloved teacher and coach. To Susan, good sportsmanship was the true test of a person’s worth.

**Eligibility and Criteria includes:**

- Physical Education majors, not to exceed three consecutive years for any one recipient
- Preference will be made first to applicants who demonstrate financial need and then
- Preference to students with outstanding academic merit, as determined by selection committee on a year-to-year basis