

The Christopher Peterson Commitment to Service Award

Section I: Information

The University Honors College prides itself on partnering with the community at large through programs such as the Freshman Honors Colloquium course, the Greiner Special Interest Housing group, and Alternative Spring Break. Our students are encouraged to pursue philanthropic and volunteer opportunities that will enhance the academic, cultural, social, and communal aspects of the Western New York community and beyond.

The Christopher Peterson Commitment to Service Award is bestowed annually upon a graduating Honors Scholar who, by devoting their time, talents, and expertise to serving the public good, has made significant, demonstrable, and direct contributions to the community. Christopher Peterson was a junior civil engineering major in the Honors College who tragically lost his life in a car accident in 2013. Through his enthusiastic participation in Greiner SIH and his many other volunteer endeavors Chris embodied the Honors College spirit of service. The intent of this award is to recognize a student who exemplifies a similar commitment to community service. The winner will receive a \$750 award as well as \$250 donated to the community organization of their choice.

Criteria for Eligibility

We seek graduating Honors Scholars who:

- Are in good academic standing with the University Honors College graduation requirements.
- Have impacted society in one or more positive ways that fostered change for the public good.
- Stood out amongst their peers as individuals whose service has made a profound impact in the community.
- Are available to attend the Honors commencement ceremony on May 15, 2015.

Application Process

Any graduating Honors Scholar may apply for the Christopher Peterson Commitment to Service Award. Students who wish to apply must complete an application packet which includes the following:

- (1) Application
- (2) Resume that includes all of your service experiences
- (3) Service Reflection Essay

Optional supplemental materials (ex: letters of recommendation or other supporting documentation) may also be submitted with the application packet. **Please submit the completed application packet to the University Honors College Office in Capen 106 or electronically to honors@buffalo.edu.**

Application Deadline

A completed Application Packet must be submitted to the University Honors College no later than 5:00pm on April 1, 2015.

Section II: Application

Part 1: Personal Information

Name: _____ Person Number: _____

Permanent Address: _____

Email Address: _____@buffalo.edu

Phone Number: _____

Major(s)/Minor(s): _____

GPA: _____

Part 2: Service Reflection Essay Criteria

On no more than three pages (12 point Times New Roman font, double spaced) please write a reflective essay about your civic engagement story at UB. Consider what you have gained from volunteering that you can apply to the classroom, your personal life, and your career path. What is the most significant thing you have learned about yourself and/or about our community through your service endeavors? Keep in mind the purpose of this award is to honor students who have demonstrated a dedication to service and have made a profound impact in their community. Please be sure to discuss the community partner you would donate the award to and why that organization is important to you. (Note: Your chosen organization must have 501cs status.)

Part 3: Further Information

Please Note...

Prior to submitting this application be sure that the following items are both included/attached and completed: (1) Application (2) Resume (3) Service Reflection Essay.

Please contact Jessica Seabury, Senior Assistant Director for University Honors College at (716) 645-3020 or via email at jseabury@buffalo.edu if you have any questions or concerns about the application process.

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