

Worf Family Memorial Wilderness Scholarship **Wilderness and Civilization Program**

The Worf Family Memorial Wilderness Scholarship provides an annual award to a student enrolled in the Wilderness and Civilization Program or majoring in Wilderness Stewardship (if that major is established). The scholarship was initially established in 1996 by William A. and Eva Jean Worf in memory of their sons Gary and Keith. Wilderness Watch and various others also contributed to this fund. Gary and Keith died in separate accidents--Gary in 1980 and Keith in 1993. "Both Gary and Keith held a deep respect for nature in general and wilderness in particular," according to their father. Eva Jean, who passed away in 2005, shared this family passion for wilderness and in her memory the scholarship was renamed in 2007 as the Worf Family Memorial Wilderness Scholarship. Bill Worf is a 1950 graduate of the UM School of Forestry and is one of three founders of Wilderness Watch, a national nonprofit conservation organization dedicated to preserving America's wilderness and wild and scenic rivers.

The Wilderness and Civilization program is a unique interdisciplinary wilderness studies program that explores wilderness and the human-nature relationship. Established in 1975, the program spans a semester of campus- and field-based coursework. Program courses approach wilderness from a variety of disciplines, including social and biological sciences as well as the arts and humanities. The program leads to a Wilderness Studies minor. Applications for the program are still being accepted on a rolling basis.

Scholarship and Application Details:

Available to: An incoming, current, or former undergraduate student in the Wilderness and Civilization program whose major is in the College of Forestry and Conservation. Preference given to student demonstrating financial need. Applicants must be enrolled at the University of Montana Spring 2020.

Application Must Include:

- 1) A one-page essay regarding the public value and importance of the National Wilderness Preservation System.
- (2) A completed Wilderness Institute General Scholarship Application
- (3) Two letters of recommendation. One letter must be from a university-level faculty member. If applying for multiple Wilderness Institute scholarships, the same two letters of recommendation may be used for all applications.

Note: Applicants who have applied for College of Forestry and Conservation Scholarships may use their already completed applications and recommendations. Let us know if you want to do so and we will obtain copies from Forestry.

Application Due: May 1, 2020

Send Complete Applications to: Wilderness Institute, College of Forestry and Conservation
University of Montana, Missoula, MT 59812

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