Departmental Scholarships

The Dr. Mary Buice Alderson Undergraduate Scholarship

The Dr. Mary Buice Alderson Undergraduate Scholarships were established in 1996 in the Department of Kinesiology and Health Education in the College of Education at The University of Texas at Austin. In appreciation for their service to the University of Texas at Austin, Dr. C.J. (Shorty) Alderson and Dr. Mary Buice Alderson have been honored with the Alderson Lecture each year since 1981. They taught for a combined total of 85 years, including 70 years at The University of Texas. Few people have been as dedicated as the Aldersons to serving their profession and as devoted to teaching and working with individual students. Shorty died on August 31, 1970 at age of 81 and Mary on December 25, 1993 at age 85. Their dedication to the profession and to education has been further manifested by a generous bequest from Dr. Mary Buice Alderson’s estate to be used for scholarship in the Department of Kinesiology and Health Education. Awards made from the proceeds of this fund honor the memory of the Aldersons through the support of outstanding students in all areas of Kinesiology and Health Education.

Applications for the Dr. Mary Buice Alderson Undergraduate Scholarship are typically available mid-Fall in SZB 216 or online, and are due in December. Recipients of the scholarship are required to attend the Alderson lecture in mid-spring to receive their award.

You must be enrolled in classes for the Fall semester in order to be considered for these awards. The information for these two scholarship applications is below:

Undergraduate Scholarships

These scholarships are available to all Kinesiology and Health Education majors. Applicants must have completed at least 30 hours at UT-Austin and 6 hours of KIN/HED coursework at the time of application.

Students selected to receive these scholarships must also meet the following criteria:

1. Recipient must be an undergraduate student pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology and Health Education or Bachelor of Science in Athletic Training.
2. Recipient must have a 3.0 overall UT G.P.A. and a minimum 3.3 UT KHE G.P.A.
3. Recipient must show evidence of professional involvement, community service, and dedication to the profession of Kinesiology and Health education.
4. Students who have previously received the award may re-apply the following year.
5. Financial need shall be a consideration but not a requirement in selection of recipients.

Student Teaching Scholarships

This scholarship is provided to a teacher certification student during the year in which s/he is student teaching. Priority is given to students who have at least 30 hours at UT.

Students selected to receive this scholarship shall meet the following criteria:

1. Recipient must be an undergraduate student completing his/her student teaching during the year in which the application for this scholarship is awarded.
2. Recipient must show evidence of professional involvement, community service, and dedication to the profession of Kinesiology and Health education.
3. Awards will be made to students who exhibit a high degree of commitment to a career teaching physical education.
4. Financial need shall be a consideration but not a requirement in selection of recipients.