Pioneer Fast-track Graduate Fellowship

Pioneer Natural Resources has created a scholarship for promising full-time undergraduate GIS students at the University of Texas at Dallas who are applying for or enrolling in the GIS fast-track program. Each year, awards of $3,000 are presented to talented students with a minimum GPA of 3.5. The fellowship may be renewable for the following year, providing grades are maintained and the awardee maintains a mentor relationship with Pioneer. This would provide a total award per student of $6,000, an exceptional award for deserving, high-quality students. Students receiving the Pioneer Fellowship must be U.S. citizens.

The recipient must be an undergraduate in good standing who has already been accepted into the GIS fast-track program, but prospective students can also apply for the Pioneer Fast-track Graduate Fellowship in conjunction with their application to the program. This fellowship grant will be awarded in the upcoming fall semester, and to qualify, the recipient must be a full-time fast-track student in the GIS program at the time of award being made. Students must be working on a project that uses GIS as part of their master's research. Financial need may be used as a secondary criterion, but selection shall be weighed more heavily on the strength of the research and proposal.

An application for a scholarship MUST include:
1. This scholarship application form, completed in full and signed.
2. A current Academic Transcript.
3. The names of two college faculty members willing to serve as references.

All students who are awarded this scholarship MUST sign a 3rd Party Release of Information, in accordance with the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), allowing UT Dallas/Donor to use application material for scholarship purposes. This form will be provided with the award letter.

Only COMPLETED applications received prior to the posted deadline will be considered. An applicant will receive a decision notifcation by mail and/or email. **Completed applications should be turned into the Program Head, Dr. Yongwan Chun (ywchun@utdallas.edu).**

Please complete the following:

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Last Name   First Name   M.I.   I.D. Number

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Local Street Address   City   State   Zip

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Home Phone   Work Phone   Email address

Citizenship: [   ] US Citizen   [   ] Other

Personal Narrative/Project Proposal

Please complete and include a statement (up to 5 pages) telling us why you feel you should receive this scholarship, and how this scholarship will add to your educational goals. Be sure to tell us about your academic and professional goals, as well as any work experience. Also discuss how GIS might be used for research in collaboration with Pioneer.

Include the scholarship name and your name on your narrative page.

UTD Academic Demographic Information

Current Academic Level: [   ] Junior [   ] Senior   [   ] Master's

Major: _____Cumulative GPA: _____

Activities and Achievements

Indicate membership(s) in scholastic honorary organizations or other university and/or civic groups. Please list any elected positions or offices held in the organizations:

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List honors, prizes, awards for scholastic and/or creative achievement. You can also list published papers, research, papers presented in conferences and previous professional employment:

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Certification

I certify that the information provided in this application is complete and accurate. I understand that providing false or misleading information on this application or with other documentation may disqualify me for consideration of my application or disbursement of scholarship funding. Further, I understand that the information will be used by donors, the Committee on Student Fellowships and Scholarships, and/or other recognized university scholarship committee(s) to evaluate and award scholarships. I understand that I will need to provide the scholarship committee with a narrative of my educational experiences and the value added to my educational goals. I authorize the University to release to the donor(s) and/or the media any information concerning scholarship(s) I may receive.

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Student's Signature   Date