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OAHPERD

Dr. Pam Bechtel WPES Legacy Scholarship

Purpose of the scholarship: To provide funds to help undergraduate Physical Education, Health, Exercise Science, Athletic Training, Sport Science, Dance, Recreation, Health majors **and/or** beginning young professionals in career positions related to the mission of Ohio Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance (OAHPERD) attend professional conferences (OAHPERD, National SHAPE America, Summer PE Institute, ASSP, ACSM, NATA, NRPA, SOPHE etc...) or other professional development opportunities.

This scholarship was initiated through a start-up donation from the Ohio College Association - Women's Physical Education Section. Members of this group donated the remaining funds from their treasury to OAHPERD in December 2013. In December 2022, the OAHPERD Board of Directors unanimously voted to rename the scholarship to the Dr. Pam Bechtel WPES Legacy Scholarship in honor of Past-President and Honorary Life Member, Dr. Pam Bechtel.

Recipients: Consideration will be given to female students first, due to the nature of the group starting this scholarship. *However*, the scholarship will not be *limited* to females only as males are enrolled in the professional preparation programs for all covered areas. These scholarships can be awarded to undergraduate students and/or young professional holding current positions in the above-mentioned areas.

Amount: Scholarship amount is **\$250.00**.

Application Procedure: Complete attached application form. Include a written narrative providing 1-a rationale concerning how attendance at this professional development conference will impact him/her in his/her current situation or position in the future.
2- Providing evidence of leadership opportunities, and 3-summarizing the financial requirements of your attendance this professional development opportunity.

Characteristics: Applicants should demonstrate and document leadership abilities in the following areas:

- a. University -major leadership,
- b. Preparation Program -leadership
- c. Community- leadership
- d. Current career leadership.

Scholarship Review Process: OAHPERD Awards Committee will review the applications and make the selection of Legacy Scholarship awardee(s).

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APPLICATION

For consideration, application must include the following components:

- Completed application form
- Essay of no more than 500 words briefly describing: 1-The importance of this opportunity for your professional development. 2- Providing evidence. of leadership opportunities, and 3-summarizing the financial requirements of your attendance this professional development opportunity.
- One letter of support
- Professional Development Registration Form or link to conference/professional development opportunity. (Blank)

Deadline: August 1 each year.

Award: Scholarship for up to \$500

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Name of institution/organization/school

If a student, academic program

Amount requested _____

Submit completed application and related materials to:

Stacey Slackford-Barnes Awards Committee Chair: sslackford@aurora-schools.org