

## ***MRPA Academic Scholarship Criteria***

The following \$500 competitive scholarship is awarded annually. All applications are due by August 31, 2008. Mail all application materials to: MRPA Scholarship Committee, Attn: Donna Gaukler, Missoula Parks and Recreation, 600 Cregg Lane in McCormick Park, Missoula MT, 59801

### ***Dr. Steve McCool and Dr. Joel Meier Academic Scholarship***

Established in Sept. 2000, in recognition of Dr. McCool's and Dr. Meier's commitments to students in the field of park and recreation.

Dr. McCool is a longtime MRPA member and is currently a retired professor of Wild land Recreation Management at the University of Montana School of Forestry and Conservation, and is a member of the World Commission on Protected Areas and serves on the IUCN Task Force on Tourism and National Parks.

Dr. Joel Meier is a lifetime member of MRPA and served at the University of Montana as Associate Dean of the School of Forestry, professor, and coordinator of the Recreation Management Program. He currently resides as Chairman of the Department of Recreation and Park Administration at Indiana University.

This scholarship is available for undergraduate students with declared majors in the parks, recreation, eco-tourism or resource management field. Training courses may also include, Outward Bound, NOLS, Wilderness First Responder, Climbing Guide schools, MRPA/NRPA workshops, or other resource education classes.

#### **Criteria:**

1. Montana College student with a declared major in Recreation, Park, Resource or related field currently attending an accredited University or College outside the State of MT.
2. Currently attending a Montana College or University for the 2008 – 2009 school year in the field of parks, recreation, resource management, or related.

#### **Basis of need:**

1. Ages 18 – 25 years old
2. Achievements (academic or personal)
3. Extra curricular activities
4. Community volunteer service
5. Financial need

#### **How to apply:**

We will need a copy of your resume, student I.D. number, a nomination letter from a professor, and a one page essay explaining why you are the best candidate for this scholarship.

**Montana Recreation and Parks Association Student Scholarship 2008**