2016

GEORGE GARRISON & SANDY KIRK

COMMUNITY SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP/AWARD

APPLICATION FOR NJIT STUDENTS OR STUDENT GROUPS

Application Due by March 18, 2016

Career Development Services
Community and Public Service
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Scholarship Eligibility Criteria and Information:
The George Garrison and Sandy Kirk Community Service Scholarship was established by NJIT Career Development Services to recognize the commitment and outstanding community service contributions of NJIT students.

Career Development Services will give one $1,000.00 merit-based scholarship or award to the candidate or student organization selected by the CDS scholarship review committee. The scholarship/award celebrates the dedication of George Garrison and Sandy Kirk, former CDS staff members whose work at NJIT furthered the development of quality civic engagement for students.

Eligibility Criteria
- Full-time or part-time NJIT students with a GPA of 2.50 or higher and who will be taking courses at NJIT for at least one year after the award is presented or
- An official NJIT student organization whose mission includes service to the community.
- Completion of a formal community service project for at least one semester while enrolled as a student at NJIT or through a student organization
- Demonstrated exemplary service performance that resulted in sustainable benefit to a community organization(s), community resident(s), and/or the University.
- Demonstrated leadership ability through participation in community service projects.

Scholarship / Award Application
To be considered for a Community Service Scholarship / Award, interested students or student groups must submit:
- A completed application form
- A one page, typewritten essay describing your or the student organization’s long-term commitment to community service. Please include responses to the following questions in your essay. Please limit each essay to no more than 300 words.
  1. What community service projects have you / your organization participated in and how would you or your organization’s members describe the impact of these experiences on your life /organization’s mission?
  2. What are your / your organization’s long-term plans for continued involvement in community service?
  3. What unique contribution do you /your organization think you / your organization can continue to make to improve the quality of life for citizens in New Jersey?
  4. How have you / your organization influenced (or how will you / your organization influence) other NJIT students / NJIT organizations to become active in community service projects?
- At least one letter of reference from a current or former project supervisor or a faculty member supporting your / your organization’s involvement in community service.

General Information:
Name ________________________________________________________________ NJIT ID #__________________
or Student Organization Name and Contact Person

Phone___________________________ Personal e-mail______________________________ NJIT e-mail__________________

Address_______________________________________________________________
_______________________________________________________________
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Major____________________  Minor_______________  Undergraduate___  Graduate____

Expected graduation date__________
List of Community Service Experiences

Name: ___________________________  Email: ___________________________

Provide information about your / your organization’s service project(s). List up to four projects on this application. For additional listings, please use a separate page.

Name of Organization where service occurred: _______________________________________________________
Address: ______________________________________________________________________________________
Supv. ___________________________  Telephone #: ___________________  E-mail: ___________________________
Your Community Service Project or Job Title _________________________________________________________
Started: _____  Ended: ______
Brief Description of Service Performed _______________________________________________________________
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How Many Hours Did You Serve? ________________

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Your Community Service Project or Job Title _________________________________________________________
Started: _____  Ended: ______
Brief Description of Service Performed _______________________________________________________________
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How Many Hours Did You Serve? ________________

Please include this list of community service projects, your one-page essay, and a letter of reference with this application form. Incomplete submissions will not be considered. Make sure that your name and email are on all submitted documents. You may also include additional (optional) materials that you think the scholarship committee should see about your service projects (newspaper clippings, photos, portfolios, etc)
Mr. George Garrison was Associate Director of CDS Career Planning and Placement at NJIT from 1996 to 2001. His work to promote the career success of all NJIT students and alumni was epitomized by tenacious dedication and commitment to a high standard of excellence. He encouraged and challenged each student to reach their potential by striving for academic and professional excellence. As an Olympic-class track and field athlete, George often served as a mentor for NJIT student-athletes who benefited from his guidance and support. George also believed strongly in the principles of servant-leadership and demonstrated this by serving as the first coordinator of the NJIT Athletes-In-Community Service program for the Division.

Ms. Sandy Kirk was Assistant Director of CDS Community and Public Service at NJIT from 1994 to 1996. From her first day of employment, Sandy worked tirelessly to help establish and promote new community and public service programs for the University. She knew the pulse and needs of the community. As a result, she aggressively pursued all opportunities to collaborate with agencies in linking NJIT students with opportunities to serve others. Sandy was especially committed to serving as a mentor for women of color at NJIT. She would often be found encouraging, nurturing, and supporting women students challenged by the rigors of academic and campus life. Most importantly, Sandy established a benchmark for excellence in service for all who have since held the position in Community & Public Service.