



NAI Region VI 2009 Freeman Tilden Scholarships

Summary

Region VI of the National Association for Interpretation is pleased to announce a scholarship program for college students—undergraduate and graduate—studying in the field of interpretation (i.e. biology, parks and recreation, wildlife management, outdoor education, history, museum studies, etc.). The goal of the Freeman Tilden Scholarship Program is to recognize students who have demonstrated academic and professional success and have the potential to make an outstanding contribution to the field of interpretation.

Scholarships include: -- Two \$700 scholarships for undergraduate students
-- One \$700 scholarship for graduate students

Each winner must be able to attend the annual Region VI workshop in Shreveport, LA, Feb. 26-March 1, 2009. . Recipients will receive free registration for the workshop at \$150 for travel expenses. Students will be recognized at the Region VI meeting during the workshop.

Eligibility Requirements-all applicants

- undergraduate enrolled as a full-time student in an accredited institution of higher learning within Region VI **or** a graduate student enrolled in a minimum of two graduate level classes in an accredited institution of higher learning within Region VI. Region VI consists of Arkansas, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, and Louisiana.
- junior, senior, or graduate student at the time of the award.
- undergraduate cumulative grade point average of at least 2.8 on a four-point scale. Graduate students shall have a minimum of 3.4 on a four point scale. Graduate students applying during their first graduate semester must have a cumulative undergraduate GPA of 2.8 on a four-point scale.
- must be able to attend the regional workshop in Shreveport, LA, Feb. 26-Mar 1, 2009.

Judging Criteria

Applications will be evaluated and ranked by the scholarship committee in the following areas: interpretive work experience, academic achievement, written communications skills, appearance of the application, and adherence to instructions.

Selection Procedure and Timetable

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| • Applications postmarked to Scholarship Chair | No later than Nov. 1, 2008 |
| • Scholarship Committee reviews applications | Nov. 2008 |
| • Students notified by Scholarship Chair | Early Dec. 2008 |
| • Students receive checks and attend workshop | Feb 2009 |

Inquiries and Contact Information

Inquiries and scholarship applications should be directed to:

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Please put NAI Scholarship as the subject line



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1. Application Form *(please type or print legibly in ink)*

Name: _____

Permanent Address: _____
Street/Apt. _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____
Home: _____ School: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

College or University you are currently attending: _____

Major area of study: _____

Academic status, Fall 2008 *(check one)*: junior senior graduate student

Academic advisor's name: _____

Academic advisor's contact information:
Address: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____

2. Supporting Materials

Your application packet must include the following items, which are limited to two pages each:

- A letter of recommendation from a current or former employer (preferably in the interpretive field).
- A letter of recommendation from a current or former college instructor.
- A copy of your current college transcript (*this may be more than two pages*). Note: If you are a graduate student applying during your first graduate semester, submit copies of both your undergraduate transcript and your current graduate transcript (to indicate that you are enrolled in the minimum of two graduate-level courses).
- An essay about a memorable first-hand interpretive experience (as either an interpreter or an audience member).
- An essay describing why you are interested in the field of interpretation, what your aspirations in the interpretive field are, and where you think the profession as a whole should go.
- A resume that includes your interpretive work experience (dates, locations, duties) and three references.

3. Deadline and Packet Instructions

Five collated copies of this cover sheet and the supporting materials should be sent to the Chair of the Scholarship Committee. **Packets must be postmarked no later than November 1, 2008.**

Mail your application packet to:

Amy Stephens, Chair, NAI Region VI Scholarship Committee

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