

**DEPARTMENT OF COUNSELOR EDUCATION
UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA**

**Dr. Harold C. Riker Scholarship Award
2008 Award Notice**

The Harold C. Riker Scholarship Fund was established in the Department of Counselor Education at University of Florida in 1999. The purpose of the Riker Scholarship Award is to recognize and acknowledge each year a student in a program in the department who has enhanced knowledge and understanding of adult development and aging and/or demonstrates strong potential to make positive contributions to the adult and aging population. The work of the annual award winner reflects, but is not limited to, development and implementation of a research project or provision of intervention services that enhance the knowledge and skills needed for effective understanding and/or work with the adult and aging population.

Dr. Harold C. Riker retired from being a Professor in the Department of Counselor Education in 1991. Prior to that, he had served as Director of Housing at the University of Florida. Dr. Riker is one of only a very few employees who worked at the University of Florida for more than 50 years. His employment at the university was interrupted only by service to his country in the Navy during World War II and the Korean War. Dr. Riker taught in the department from 1971 to 1991. He developed and taught several courses that addressed the counseling and other mental health needs of adults and the aging population. He served as a delegate to a White House Conference on Families and to a White House Conference on Aging. He also served on the Board of Directors of the Area Agency on Aging and on many state and national organizations related to adult development and aging.

The scholarship fund was established through generous gifts from the Riker family and their friends in memory of Dr. Hal Riker. His wife, Bette, a long time supportive friend of this department, survives Dr. Riker.

The actual award will be made at a college-wide banquet to be held on April 17, 2008. Note, however, that the cash award will not be made until some time during the Summer, 2008. Eligibility criteria for consideration for the Riker Scholarship Award include that student must be (a) currently enrolled in a Master of Education/Specialist in Education **or** Doctoral program in the Department of Counselor Education at the University of Florida, (b) have demonstrated intention to work in the field of adult development and/or aging upon graduation, (c) not be a previous recipient of this award, and (d) have intention to attend the award presentation at the COE banquet.

Application for the Riker Scholarship Award includes submission of (a) a completed application form, (b) a statement of explanation for application, (c) a personal data sheet (vita), and (d) two letters of reference relevant to the award criteria from current University of Florida Department of Counselor Education faculty members. Application materials must be submitted to Dr. Larry Loesch (University of Florida, Department of Counselor Education, 1215 Norman Hall, Gainesville, FL 32611) no later than **February 18, 2008**.

The department's current Riker Scholarship Committee will make the final decision as to the award recipient. Each recipient will be designated the Riker Scholar for the next academic year and will receive a \$1,000.00 cash award. The recipient's name also will be entered on a plaque in the Department of Counselor Education in Norman Hall.

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DR. HAROLD C. RIKER SCHOLARSHIP AWARD APPLICATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone(s): _____

Program in which enrolled:
____ School Counseling and Guidance
____ Mental Health Counseling
____ Marriage and Family Counseling

Degree program:
____ Ph.D.
____ Ed.D.
____ M.Ed./Ed.S.

Number of practica and/or internships completed: _____

Location(s) of practica and/or internships completed:

Enclose the following with this Application Form:

1. A statement of not over one (typewritten) page as to why you believe you should be considered for this award, including brief description of your career plans.
2. A personal data sheet (vita).
3. Letters of reference pertinent to this application from two (2) current UF Department of Counselor Education faculty members (who are not current members of the Riker Scholarship Award committee).

I have read and understand the award notice for the Riker Scholarship Award. I understand that (a) the department's Riker Scholarship Award Committee will make final decisions concerning the award and (b) one of the eligibility requirements is that the recipient for the award plans to work in the area of adult development and/or aging upon graduation.

Signed: _____

Date: _____