

# Community Service Scholarship Program

The Community Service Scholarship Program began in the summer of 1990 when the Radin Foundation, led by Marjorie and H. Marcus Radin, provided funds to financially assist California State University, Fresno students who were placed with nonprofit agencies throughout the Fresno area. Due to the Radin's generosity, the program continues today.

- Assignments are structured to relate to the student's academic major, and in order to provide enough time for a "real world" experience, each student performs assignments of 75 or 150 hours with his or her service site. Upon completion of their assignments, students earn 1 or 3 units of academic credit and a \$750 or \$1,500 scholarship.
- Since the program's inception, over 1,000 students have been placed in a wide variety of community assignments related to education, crime, youth programs, public health and the promotion of the arts. The program has provided thousands of hours of community service directly relating to the needs of the greater Fresno area!

## Site Policy:

In order to participate in the Community Service Scholarship Program, the site must be a recognized 501(c)(3) nonprofit agency, school or government organization. Proof of insurance (see below) plus a Tax Exempt "Determination" letter or documentation that the organization qualifies as tax exempt under section 501(c)(3) and that organization qualifies as a public charity under section 509(a) will be required. The service site must also be in the four county service area (Fresno, Kings, Madera, Tulare) served by Fresno State.

- Faith-based organizations are acceptable sites, so long as the student is not evangelizing or proselytizing and no religious affiliation or requirements are part of the service delivery or requirements of receiving service.
- Government organizations are acceptable sites, however, any political service must be completely nonpartisan.
- If the organization does not have a commercial office location where the student performs his/her hours, alternate arrangements must be made in advance to hold regular meetings in public locations.

## Insurance:

The site shall procure and maintain General Liability Insurance, comprehensive or commercial form with \$ 1,000,000 minimum limit for each Occurrence and minimum limit of \$ 2,000,000 General Aggregate, as mutually agreed upon for this placement. The site shall be responsible for Workers' Compensation coverage for students during this agreement.

### How to Participate:

- If the above qualifications are met, the CSSP invites sites to provide either a whole \$1,500 scholarship or at least a half \$750 scholarship to guarantee a student for 150 hours. If you would like to offer a student 75 hours instead, then you would provide either a whole \$750 scholarship or at least half, \$375. These 75 or 150 hour positions should be posted several weeks prior to the beginning of the semester (summer, fall or spring). Your organization will not be "invoiced" until a student is selected.
- Your interest and participation in this valuable program is greatly appreciated. In order to post a position through the Community Service Scholarship Program, contact Aleta Wolfe, Career Counselor with California State University, Fresno Career Development Center, at 559.278.2381 or via email to aletaw@csufresno.edu.

### **Student Quotes:**

- *"This experience has made an everlasting impact on my life. It tells me how important it is to get involved in my community and really reach out to the people who are in need."*  
Site: Fresno County Library Adult Literacy Center
- *"Professionally, there is nothing in the world that can replace my internship experience. This was such a great opportunity for me to use all that I have been learning in school."*  
Site: Direction Sports

### **Agency/Site Quotes:**

- *"We have always been pleased with the caliber of students who have interned in our department. This program is instrumental in providing a well-rounded work experience for students preparing to enter the work force."*  
Site: Saint Agnes Medical Center Foundation
- *"Our student was an integral part of our team. Her enthusiasm, strong writing skills, attention to detail and professionalism will take her far in this industry."*  
Site: Community Medical Center Communication Department