

The Harriette B. Sherman Scholarship in Recreation and Tourism Systems



The Harriette B. Sherman Scholarship was created to support non-traditional students who are enrolled in the Department of Community Sustainability (CSUS) and who are pursuing studies in the area of Recreation and Tourism Systems. Each year one Sherman Scholar will be selected, provided that qualified candidates have applied.

ABOUT HARRIETTE B. SHERMAN

Harriette B. Sherman was born in Adrian, MI in 1950. She grew up on her family's farm in Clayton, MI and was one of the few from her area to go to college. As an undergraduate at Michigan State University, she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Medical Technology and a second Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Husbandry.

Throughout her life, Harriette had an intense curiosity and desire to learn. After many years in the business world, she returned to MSU at the age of 46 and earned a Master of Science in Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Resources. Just before her untimely death at age 51, she expressed a new desire to study Forensic Science.

Harriette had many qualities that made her special to those who knew her: a wonderful smile that came easily; an outgoing personality; a forward-looking spirit; a keen interest in making new friends; care and concern for nature – plants, animals, and the environment; her tireless efforts in support of organizations that she believed in; a love of the outdoors; and a fond appreciation for the arts.

Harriette's quiet intelligence and lifelong pursuit of knowledge was coupled with an unending desire for women to reach their potential. In honor of these qualities, this scholarship was created in memory of Harriette by her life partner, Mr. Robert Ruigh. Harriette, he maintains, would have been very proud to assist others with a scholarship that bears her name.

ELIGIBILITY

Eligible applicants are non-traditional graduate students who meet at least two of the following criteria:

- Age 35 years or more (on December 1 of the respective year of application)
- Employed more than 30 hours per week while enrolled in a CSUS program (GA and TA work excluded)
- Returned to school more than 10 years after completing an undergraduate degree
- A single parent or someone who supports dependents other than a spouse

All students are encouraged to apply, but preference will be given to those who have not been previously awarded this endowed scholarship.