The Harriette B. Sherman Scholarship in Recreation and Tourism Systems

The Harriette B. Sherman Fellowship 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 Fellow will be selected, provided that qualified candidates have applied.

ABOUT HARRIETTE B. SHERMAN

Harriette Barbara Sherman was born in Adrian, MI in 1950. She grew up on her family's farm in Clayton, Michigan 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. 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. As such, this fellowship was created in memory of Harriette by her life partner, Mr. Robert Ruigh. Harriette, he maintains, would have be very proud to assist others with a scholarship that bears her name.

ELIGIBILITY

Eligible applicants are:

- A non-traditional graduate students who fulfills two of the following criteria:
  - 35 years of age or older
  - Employed more than 30 hours a week while enrolled (GA and TA work excluded)
  - Returned to school more than 10 years after completion of undergraduate degree
  - Single parent or supports dependents other than spouse

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