

Texas Outdoor Education Association

Mert Bishop Memorial Scholarship Application

William Meredith "Mert" Bishop was one of the most valuable members of TOEA as well as a talented, respected leader in education, recreation, outdoor recreation, and other areas. This scholarship honors his leadership in TOEA during the early 1980's, when TOEA was going through a transitional period and needed a strong and effective leader. Motivation, steadfastness, and a framework of policies and procedures were needed. Mert guided that effort as the president in 1984. His leadership on the TOEA Board was during a period in which the original constitution and by-laws were finalized and adopted; the first policies and procedures manual was written; financial guidelines, policies, accounting procedures, and other record keeping procedures were put in place. While the constitution and by-laws have been amended over the years, as have some policies and procedures, the framework first put in place under Mert's leadership is still the foundation of TOEA.

Eligibility: A Texas resident and 18 yrs. of age or older.

Application Deadline: August 15th

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (H) _____ (W) _____ (C) _____

Preferred E-Mail: _____

Present Position: _____

Have you ever attended a TOEA workshop before? **Yes _ No _** If so, when? _____

How did you learn about this scholarship? _____

Outdoor Experience: Write a few sentences describing your activities/experience to help promote outdoor education.

Write a short statement on what you expect to learn at the TOEA workshop, and how you will benefit from attending. (May use the back if needed)

The recipient will write an article on how the TOEA Annual Workshop has inspired/impacted their daily activities and their activities in the workplace. This article will appear in the TOEA Newsletter. The deadline for article submission will be March 1st.