

Captain Jim Unterwagner Scholarship

The Captain Jim Unterwagner scholarship is named in honor of Captain Unterwagner, who was born in 1918 in Galion, Ohio. He attended the U.S. Naval Academy and joined the U.S. Merchant Marine during World War II. He became Chief Officer in 1945. Captain Jim went on to study sociology and mathematics at Marshall University, graduating in 1952 with his B.A. in Mathematics. In 1962, he enrolled at Marshall University and completed his M.A. in Sociology. He went on to the University of Pittsburgh and was awarded his Ph.D. in Sociology in December, 1967. Captain Jim began his full-time teaching career at Slippery Rock University in September of 1967. While at SRU, he was a Co-President of both the Allegheny Valley Sociological Association and the Pennsylvania Sociological Association. Captain Jim specialized in teaching deviant behavior and criminology. His commitment to education for minorities and disadvantaged students was recognized when he was named Director of the Equal Opportunity Education Program initiated here at SRU in 1968. In June of 1990, Captain Jim retired from SRU and was named Professor Emeritus.

The Captain Jim Unterwagner Scholarship will be awarded to students majoring in one of the three departments of Interdisciplinary Studies (sociology/anthropology), Criminology and Criminal Justice, and Social Work who have completed 64 credits and demonstrate both academic achievements and financial need at Slippery Rock University. The award is estimated to be up to \$500.

The Unterwagner Inter-departmental Scholarship Committee will select three students, one from each department, who most closely meet the following criteria:

1. Be enrolled full-time, and continuing for the following academic year.
2. Have a declared major in one of the following areas: Criminology and Criminal Justice, Interdisciplinary Programs (with Sociology and Anthropology emphasis) or Social Work.
3. Have completed 64 or more credits at the end of the semester of application.
4. Have financial need.
5. Have maintained a high level of academic standing.
6. Have provided a persuasive essay (see below).

To apply, submit the following in electronic format:

1. Résumé/Vita indicating volunteer hours, service to the community, etc.
2. A 2 page essay describing how the student is deserving of the Captain Jim Unterwagner Scholarship and how this award would assist the applicant in reaching academic and/or professional goals.
3. Degree Audit Report.

Electronic application packets should be sent via e-mail by March 1st to the following contacts within students' major:

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