

October 29, 2009

Dear SRU Parents:

I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and let you know about a possible scholarship your son or daughter may be eligible for. My name is Michael Saraka, and I serve as the director of alumni relations at Slippery Rock University. According to our records, you have a son or daughter who is currently enrolled at Slippery Rock University.

Attached you will find information about the **Carl and Norma Laughner Scholarship Award** awarded annually to a SRU student whose relative is a member of the Alumni Association. If you know a student who meets the eligibility requirements, please encourage them to apply. Your Alumni Association assists current SRU students with at least ten different scholarships.

Please note that the deadline for application is December 3, 2009 for the **2010-2011** academic year. If you have any questions, please contact me at 1-800-438-7625.  
GO ROCK!

Sincerely,

Michael P. Saraka  
Director  
Office of Alumni Relations

**SRU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION  
CARL & NORMA LAUGHNER SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**

Applicants must be a relative (son/daughter, nephew/niece, grandson/granddaughter, spouse) to a current SRU Alumni Association member. Current means annual dues paying or life member. There will be one annual scholarship of \$1,250 per academic year. Eligibility is not limited to a specific field or area of study. This is a one-time award per recipient.

**ELIGIBILITY**

- Applicants must have earned a minimum of 12 credits by the conclusion of the fall '09 semester. Only students with second-semester freshman through first-semester senior status will be considered.
- Transfer students must have earned at least 12 semester hours at Slippery Rock University to be eligible for this award.
- Applicants shall demonstrate a minimal overall QPA of 3.00.
- Nominees must have demonstrated involvement in university activities and community service.

**APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

- A completed application form.
- A letter of sponsorship to prove relationship to a current member of the SRU Alumni Association.
- Two letters of recommendation including statements acknowledging the applicant's academic achievement and evidence of academic initiative.
- A **one-page** statement, with a minimum of one hundred words, from the applicant describing his/her character, personal interests and future plans must also be included.
- Completed applications must be on file with the Office of Alumni Relations by December 3, 2009.

**TERMS OF SCHOLARSHIP**

Payment of the scholarship shall be placed on deposit with the Office of Student Accounts, Slippery Rock University for the fall and spring semesters following the awarding of the scholarship.

If the recipient, for any reason does not complete the full year of scholarship, any remaining monies from that scholarship shall be returned to the Slippery Rock University Alumni Association.

The Scholarship and Awards Committee reserves the right, if necessary, to conduct personal interviews of the final candidates for the award. No distinction shall be made based upon race, color, creed, gender or age. No applications will be returned, but will remain on file in the Office of Alumni Affairs for a full year.

**APPLICATION FOR CARL & NORMA LAUGHNER SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**

**Return to: Office of Alumni Relations  
Russell Wright Alumni House  
Slippery Rock, PA 16057**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PERMANENT ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CAMPUS ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ SRU I.D. \_\_\_\_\_

SPONSORING ALUMNI ASSN. MEMBER \_\_\_\_\_

RELATIONSHIP \_\_\_\_\_ GRADUATION YEAR \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICANT'S UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE INFORMATION:**

MAJOR \_\_\_\_\_ QPA \_\_\_\_\_

MINOR \_\_\_\_\_ QPA \_\_\_\_\_

CREDITS COMPLETED \_\_\_\_\_ TRANSFERRED \_\_\_\_\_

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE DURING UNIVERSITY STUDIES -  
UNIVERSITY AND COMMUNITY. **(INCLUDE LOCATION OF SERVICE AND BEGINNING  
AND ENDING DATE, INSTRUCTOR/CONTACT PERSON.)**

HONORS AND AWARDS DURING UNIVERSITY STUDIES. **(INCLUDE DATE AND  
CRITERIA/DESCRIPTION OF AWARD.)**

**PERSONAL RELEASE:** I grant permission to Slippery Rock University to release my personal academic and financial aid records to the SRU Alumni Association for review by its Scholarship and Awards Committee and permit publication of personal academic information contained within.

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APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

FINAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE RETURN OF THIS FORM, PERSONAL LETTER, AND TWO LETTERS OF REFERENCE IS THE APPLICANT'S. **NO LATE OR PARITAL APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED.**