The Center for Environmental Policy is pleased to invite student applications for the new The William K. Reilly Scholarship. First year Masters in Public Administration and Masters in Public Policy students are eligible to apply for the $5,000 scholarship, which will be awarded for the 2013-2014 academic year. Please note that completed applications must be received no later than Monday, April 8th. Details on the criteria and application process are provided below.

The Reilly Scholarship is named after one of the most respected environmental leaders in the country. From 1989 to 1993, Mr. Reilly served as the sixth Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency under President George H.W. Bush, where he was recognized for outstanding qualities of leadership and the ability to achieve results. In 2010, President Barack Obama named him as co-chair of the bipartisan National Commission on the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and Offshore Drilling. Among his other positions are the President of the World Wildlife Fund, President of the Conservation Foundation, and Founding Partner of Aqua International Partners, a private equity fund investing in companies in the water sector. He currently is Senior Advisor to TPG Global, LP, and Co-chairman of the Bipartisan Policy Center Energy Project and of the Board of the Global Water Challenge.

Sponsored by the Center for Environmental Policy, the Reilly Scholarship is aimed at encouraging top students in public administration and policy to focus on critical environmental and energy issues facing the nation. The qualities valued for recipients are the ones that have marked Mr. Reilly’s career: effective and inclusive decision making, a respect for science and quality analysis, an interest in innovative solutions, and respect for environmental values. The scholarship is made possible by the William K. Reilly Fund for Environmental Governance and Leadership and its financial sponsors.

The recipient of the scholarship will be introduced at the April 23rd, 2013 event for the launch of the Reilly Fund and will have the opportunity to meet Mr. Reilly.

Criteria:

- demonstrated interest in environmental and energy issues, through course work, an academic concentration, work and internship experience, or some combination
- intention to pursue a career in some aspect of environmental, energy, or sustainability policy and issues
- a strong academic record within SPA and in previous educational attainment
- characteristics of integrity, teamwork, leadership, and an ability to effectively solve problems first year student in the MPA or MPP degree programs in the School of Public Affairs

Application Process:

Students must submit a statement, minimum of 200 words, articulating their qualifications to receive the inaugural Reilly Scholarship. Please submit one statement and be sure to include a heading complete with: your name, program (MPA or MPP), student ID, email address, GPA, and student status (full- or part-time). The statement – along with a resume – must be submitted to Alexis Pazmiño, School of Public Affairs Development Office, at apazmino@american.edu. Applications must be received no later than 5:00pm Monday, April 8th.