

William K. Reilly Scholarships

The Center for Environmental Policy is pleased to invite student applications for The William K. Reilly Scholarships. First year Masters in Public Administration and Masters in Public Policy students are eligible to apply for the \$3,000 scholarships, two of which will be awarded for the 2015-2016 academic year. **Please note that completed applications must be received no later than Wednesday, February 10, 2016.** 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 recipients of the scholarships will be recognized at a March 31, 2016, University event along with the recipients of the Reilly Environmental Leadership Awards, Mindy Lubber of CERES, and Bob Perciasepe of the Center for Climate and Energy Solutions, and the delivery of a keynote address by Felicia Marcus, Chair of the California Water Resources Control Board.

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

Only first year students in MPA or MPP degree programs in the School of Public Affairs are eligible.

A faculty committee from the Department of Public Administration and Policy will review the applications and select the recipients.

Application Process:

Students must submit a statement, minimum of 200 words, articulating their qualifications to receive the 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 Daniel Fiorino, Center for Environmental Policy, School of Public Affairs, at dfiorino@american.edu. **Applications must be received no later than 5:00pm on Wednesday, February , 2016.**