

RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE FOUNDATION

EARL H. WEBSTER FELLOWSHIP FOR ADVANCED STUDY IN BIOLOGY

History

The Earl H. Webster Scholarship was established in October, 1988, with a gift of \$4,500.00 from his sister, Mrs. Mary Ann Cabral, and the Allendale Insurance Foundation. Dr. Webster earned both his bachelor's and Master's degrees in Biology from Rhode Island College in 1980, and 1982, respectively. He was awarded the Ph.D. in Biology from Temple University in June of 1988. His tragic death in January of 1989 represented an enormous loss to the field of science. Dr. Webster is remembered at Rhode Island College as a student with unbounded curiosity and a real gift for generating innovative approaches to solving problems. A fellowship that provides opportunities for students to explore their biological interests beyond those normally available at the College is an especially fitting tribute to his memory.

General Procedures

All gifts are to be invested by the Rhode Island College Foundation under the rules and regulations adopted by the Foundation's Board of Directors, with the request to invest and reinvest as occasions dictate. Funds will be used to support biological investigations of the Webster Fellows and to purchase and maintain a plaque kept in the Biology Department.

Selection Criteria

The annual income shall be distributed to the Rhode Island College Foundation to award a fellowship to a recipient recommended by the Biology Department. The fellowship is intended to provide financial assistance to academically gifted and highly motivated students who wish to expand their horizons in Biology through advanced course preparation or research at a university or independent laboratory. Candidates for the award should submit a written proposal specifying how the funds would be used to the Departmental Honors Committee. The Department will publicize the award and provide appropriate information and application materials. The deadline for submission will be on or around March 1. Proposals will be reviewed by the Departmental Honors Committee. The Committee is charged with selecting the awardee on the basis of the following criteria:

1. Declared undergraduate Biology majors, with a minimum of 20 credit hours in the major (including cognates), or M.A. candidate in Biology with a minimum of 10 credit hours in the program.
2. A cumulative grade index of at least 3.25 in all courses in the Biology major.
3. A demonstrated commitment to pursue a career or in Biology or Medicine.

The Webster Scholarship will be selected from all qualified applicants based on the merit of their proposal. It is the desire of the donors that this fund should benefit the College in perpetuity. If the need for this fund should cease to exist or so diminish as to provide unused income, then another use shall be designated by the Foundation Board in consultation with Mrs. Mary Ann Cabral or other member of the Webster family. The Chair of the Biology Department will notify Mrs. Cabral and the Webster family of the name, year, hometown and field of study of the Earl H. Webster Fellowship awardee.

Accepted

For the Donors: [Mary Ann Cabral]

For the Foundation: [Marguerite M. Brown]

Date: [6/6/96]