

Computer Mapping Technology Camp Competitive Scholarship

This summer Washington College is hosting a Computer Mapping Technology Summer Camp from June 22nd to June 28th. Details of this exciting technology camp can be found in the attached brochure, or by visiting the web at <http://gis.washcoll.edu>. Computer mapping technology, also known as Geographic Information Systems (GIS), is an up and coming technology field with many future career opportunities for the youth of America. Many of today's young people are not aware of the possible future opportunities available to them. The Washington College summer camp experience is designed to introduce this new field and teach students how to utilize this technology on important community issues. These include environmental studies, governmental management of municipal infrastructures such as sewer and water, emergency management from natural disaster management to 9-1-1 response, and important community planning issues, such as future growth and the social impacts of this growth.

Through the generosity of an anonymous donor, Washington College is pleased to offer two competitive scholarships that will cover all of the costs of attending this summer's CMT camp. Scholarship winners will earn an all expense paid admission to this summer's camp and each scholarship winner will also win a Garmin Global Positioning System (GPS) unit that they can take home with them and utilize in their community. Finally, their sponsoring school teacher may also attend the camp at no cost and receive free training and approved curriculum materials that can be taken back to their home school to be used to get other students involved and interested in these new technologies.

The requirements for the scholarship are as follows;

The student shall prepare a written essay between 500 and 750 words that describes how a community organization in their community could benefit by using computer mapping technology, or GIS, to understand the current environmental, governmental, or planning issues they are trying to manage. In addition, the student should outline how he or she might be able to assist these organizations by applying these newly learned technology skills upon completion of the summer camp. Essays will be judged by a panel of faculty at Washington College and all decisions are final.

The two winning scholarship applicants will receive the following:

1. Free registration to this summer's Computer Mapping Technology Camp. This scholarship covers all lodging, meals, and tuition to the camp as well as providing the winners with a \$50 stipend for incidental expenses while at camp.
2. A free Garmin GPS unit will be awarded.
3. Their sponsoring school teacher may attend camp with them at no cost and receive special training in the use of these technologies for classroom applications.

The deadline to apply is May 1st, 2008. Winners will be formally announced by May 9th, 2008. Applications must be received by the deadline. Late entries will not be reviewed. Applications should be sent to the following address:

Washington College GIS Program
Summer Camp Scholarship
300 Washington Avenue
Chestertown, MD 21620

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** The scholarship does not include transportation costs to and from Washington College to attend the camp. Once at Washington College, all costs to attend camp, as well as \$50 for incidental expenses, are included.