

THE MICHAEL MORRISON VISIONARY SCHOLARSHIP



On May 6, 2008, the Rehabilitation community lost a dedicated advocate, competent professional and dear friend. **Michael (Mike) Morrison** spent his career and the majority of his professional life working to improve the lives of people with disabilities. Mike had a long career at the Columbus-based Vision and Vocational Services (formerly Vision Center) helping individuals with disabilities work toward their goals associated with employment and independence. Mike was known as a caring, humble man who lived by the mantra of “get the job done while having fun.” Over the years, Mike served the rehabilitation profession in a number of roles including Treasurer for the Ohio Rehabilitation Association (ORA) and President of the Ohio Rehabilitation Counseling Association. His spirit of service, fun-loving zest for life, and his kind heart are missed.

In respect to Mike's lifetime of service to the field of vocational rehabilitation and his dedication to people with disabilities, the Ohio Rehabilitation Association (ORA) would like to offer the **MICHAEL MORRISON VISIONARY SCHOLARSHIP**. This Scholarship is designed to provide support for a rehabilitation professional(s) or student(s) participating in the NRA Government Affairs Summit, or either the ORA or NRA Training Conference. **IN MIKE'S SPIRIT, THE RECIPIENT(S) OF THIS SCHOLARSHIP WILL NEED TO ARTICULATE HOW THE SCHOLARSHIP WILL HELP HER/HIM MAKE AN IMPACT FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES. PRIORITY WILL BE GIVEN TO THOSE WHO ARTICULATE HOW THEY INTEND TO BECOME INVOLVED IN SERVING THE REHABILITATION COUNSELING PROFESSION.**

Those applying for this scholarship must submit a typed request (**500 words or less**) stating how they intend to utilize the scholarship to fulfill the priorities previously described (in either printed or Word format). Subsequently, the selected scholarship recipient(s) will be expected to submit a brief write-up pertaining to their experience at the summit/conference that will be published in the ORA newsletter, the **INTERCHANGE** and/or our monthly e-newsletter.

For more information and/or to submit your application along with the following information, contact **Vickie Leeming** at: ORA@BEX.NET. The postmark deadlines are as follows: a) **NRA Government Affairs Summit** in Alexandria, VA (April 10-12, 2016) applications by **February 10, 2016**; and b) **ORA Spring 2016 Training Seminar** in Hudson, OH (April 11, 2016) applications by **February 11, 2016**; and c) **NRA Annual Training Conference** in Richmond, VA (September 13-15, 2016) applications by **July 13, 2016**. Please mail to: ORA, Attention: Scholarship Committee, 6111 Chaney Drive, Toledo, OH 43615 or send via email to ORA@BEX.NET.

2016 MICHAEL MORRISON VISIONARY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

APPLICATION IS FOR THE FOLLOWING EVENT:

- NRA Government Affairs Summit, Alexandria, VA (April 10-12, 2016)
- ORA Spring 2016 One Day Training Seminar, Hudson, OH (April 11, 2016)
- NRA Annual Conference, Richmond, VA (September 13-15, 2016)

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Name _____

Home/Cell # _____ Work # _____

Mailing Address _____

Email Address* _____

Membership in a professional organization is preferred, please indicate: _____

EDUCATION OR EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

Institution Currently Attending _____

Major _____ Anticipated Graduation Date _____

~ OR ~ Employer _____

I AM SEEKING THE FOLLOWING SPECIFIC EXPENSE AND/OR FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR:

Registration Fee Hotel & Food Expenses Other _____ AMOUNT: \$ _____

**required*

REMEMBER TO ATTACH 500 WORDS OR LESS ESSAY