



Surprising Possibilities Imagined & Realized through Information Technology

Scholarship Application for Teachers/Counselors pursuing Graduate Credit for SPIRIT Activities

Each year, SPIRIT will offer up to three scholarships for high school teachers and guidance counselors to help offset their additional costs of acquiring graduate credit for activities related to the SPIRIT (Surprising Possibilities Imagined and Realized through Information Technology) program. The scholarship will be awarded at the conclusion of the program after verification that all requirements have been met.

- Qualifications: To qualify for a scholarship, you must be a teacher or counselor who was accepted into the SPIRIT program and completed the summer program in its entirety. In addition, the following requirements must be met *before* application:
1. You must pursue graduate course credit for your SPIRIT-related activities from Purdue University as an approved independent study course under the direction of the SPIRIT program manager.
 2. You must attend and actively participate in all in-service meetings for the SPIRIT program on the Purdue campus.
 3. All required deliverables must have been submitted to the SPIRIT program manager. For teachers, this includes all lesson plans and accompanying Alice worlds. For counselors, this includes career-planning slide show and accompanying Alice world.

Application: If you meet all of the requirements, you may submit a formal application letter requesting that you be considered for the SPIRIT scholarship. In addition, you should attach an essay that addresses the following:

- In what ways has SPIRIT impacted your own knowledge and attitude towards IT and IT careers?
- In what ways have you made an impact on students' career plans based on what you learned from SPIRIT?
- In what ways have you impacted other people regarding IT and IT careers?
- Why do you deserve this scholarship?
- Be specific about the numbers impacted currently and in the future.
- Submission of additional materials that illustrate your impact are welcome.

Award Amount: Up to a total of \$1000 in all scholarships may be awarded each year. The amount of the award will depend on the number of applications, the amount of credit being pursued as well as the residency of the applicant. The table below shows the *maximum* amount of a single award, but an actual award could be smaller.

Residency Status	Number of graduate credits		
	1	2	3
Indiana resident	\$100	\$225	\$350
Indiana non-resident	\$300	\$650	\$1000

Deadline: Scholarship applications may be submitted anytime after the requirements have been met. Scholarship decisions will be made within two months of the application. No scholarships will be awarded after the scholarship budget for the year has been exhausted or May 15, whichever comes first.

Submit application letter and essay to: Prof. Alka Harriger, SPIRIT Project Manager, CIT Dept, Knoy Hall, Room 243, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN 47907-2040; FAX: 765-496-1212; Phone: 765-494-2565.