



Initiative for **Bicycle & Pedestrian Innovation**



## **The Rex Burkholder and Lydia Rich Scholarship 2009 - 2010**

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Metro Councilor Rex Burkholder and wife Lydia Rich believe that the future sustainability and health of our communities depends upon providing alternatives to motor vehicle transportation, including bicycling and walking. The Burkholder/Rich Scholarship aims to foster the best and brightest students who will be shaping that future. Portland and Oregon are widely recognized for policies and programs to promote bicycling and walking. Continuing that tradition, transferring that experience to other areas, and, most importantly, advancing the practice even further will require enlightened professionals. The Burkholder/Rich scholarship will support a graduate student who intends to be active in developing a future where bicyclists and pedestrians play a major role in the livability of urban areas. The award will also promote research that can help planners, engineers, and other practitioners in the field. The award will also promote research that can help planners, engineers, and other practitioners in the field. Students receiving the Burkholder/Rich scholarship will work with a faculty member to develop and carry out a short-term project on a topic that can immediately help practitioners plan for more bicycle- and pedestrian-friendly communities. The findings of that project will be disseminated widely, including a public presentation by the student.

The Rex Burkholder and Lydia Rich Scholarship is part of the Initiative for Bicycle and Pedestrian Innovation (IBPI) in the Center for Transportation Studies at Portland State University. The IBPI aims to advance bicycle and pedestrian transportation in Oregon, the Pacific Northwest and North America through a program of applied research, education and professional development, and knowledge sharing.

#### **Qualifications**

Applicants for the Rex Burkholder and Lydia Rich Scholarship must meet the following requirements:

- Be enrolled full time in a Master's or Ph.D. program at Portland State during the full 2009-10 academic year. Incoming and continuing students may apply.
- Maintain a 3.0 GPA while receiving the scholarship
- Demonstrate an intent to pursue a career related to bicycle and pedestrian transportation

## Terms

- The scholarship award will be \$5,000. The award is made to a student for one year only.
- Students receiving the Burkholder/Rich scholarship will work with a faculty member to develop and carry out a short-term research project on a topic that can immediately help practitioners plan for more bicycle- and pedestrian-friendly communities. The findings of that project will be disseminated widely, including a public presentation by the student. Projects would be completed during the 2009-10 academic year, and may be started in summer 2009 if the student desires.

## Application

Applicants must submit the following materials:

- Resume
- Transcripts. Applicants must submit copies of all transcripts from current and previously-attended universities. You may submit unofficial copies of your transcripts.
- A statement explaining your academic and career objectives and how they relate to bicycle and pedestrian transportation (2 page maximum)
- Two letters of recommendation

Submit these materials to:

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**All materials must be received by 5 pm on Friday, February 20, 2009.**