**The Silvio and Gale Bedini Professional Development Award**



**The *Silvio and Gale Bedini Professional Development Award* is now available for any CTR graduate student who wishes to apply for funding in the current year.**

**History**

The Silvio and Gale Bedini Professional Development Fund in the Department of Community and Therapeutic Recreation (CTR) at the University of North Carolina Greensboro was established by Dr. Leandra Bedini and Mr. Peter Bedini in honor of their parents.

**Purpose of Award**

The award was established to enrich the Department of Community and Therapeutic Recreation and the School of Health and Human Sciences by enhancing the professional development of CTR graduate students. Preference will be given to a student with a passion for learning and a lifelong commitment to making knowledge accessible to others.

**Silvio and Gale Bedini**

Silvio and Gale Bedini can be defined by a passion for learning and a lifelong commitment to making knowledge accessible to others. Silvio (1917–2007) grew up in Ridgefield, CT, and attended Columbia University. He became a museum administrator and historian of science, authoring more than 20 books and innumerable shorter works. Gale (1922–2008) was raised in New York City and attended Hunter College. Throughout their 56-year marriage she was a close collaborator in all of Silvio’s research, acting as editor and proofreader, and offering objective assessments of his work. She also manually wrote the indexes for a number of his books. They were inseparable in this work and in life and were driven by an unwavering curiosity and thirst for knowledge. They leave a legacy of passion for learning, exploring, and discovery.

**Eligibility**

To be eligible for the Bedini award, students must be currently enrolled as a graduate student in the Department of Community and Therapeutic Recreation, have completed at least one semester (6 credits minimum) while enrolled in the department, and have a GPA of 3.5 or above. Preference will be given to students with a passion for learning and a lifelong commitment to making knowledge accessible to others.

**Use of Funding**

Funding should be used to enhance professional development. Purposes for which funds might be used include but are not limited to:

1. Graduate student’s professional travel costs.
2. Registration expenses and/or accommodations at professional meetings/conferences related to the field of recreation.
3. Purchase of software, hardware, and other related expenses to support the student’s professional development and/or subsidize thesis/research costs.

**Application and Deadlines**

To apply for the Bedini award, submit an **application form** (see page 2), a **current resume**, **brief personal statement explaining why you should be considered for this award,** and **itemized list of items to be purchased or reimbursed** to Amy Chandler at ctr@uncg.edu

**Applications Accepted Until March 1st of the current academic year**

**SILVIO AND GALE BEDINI
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
AWARD APPLICATION**

The Silvio and Gale Bedini Professional Development award is now available for any Community and Therapeutic Recreation graduate student who wishes to apply for funding for the current academic year. **Students may apply for up to $400.** The completed application packet must be submitted to Amy Chandler at ctr@uncg.edu

**We will accept applications through March 1 of the current academic year**

Recipients must be currently enrolled as a graduate student in the Department of Community and Therapeutic Recreation, carrying a full academic load (6 hours), having completed at least one semester (6 credits minimum) with a GPA of 3.5 or above. Preference will be given to a student with a passion for learning and a lifelong commitment to making knowledge accessible to others.

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| Semester and Year in Which the Award will be Used: |  |
| Full Name: |  |
| Email Address: |  |
| Phone #: |  |
| Major: |  |
| Concentration: |  |
| Overall GPA: |  |
| Anticipated Graduation Date: |  |

My signature indicates that all information submitted on this application is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that changing my major to a non-Recreation and Parks major will result in forfeiture of the award.

Applicant’s Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Submit your application and required attachments to Amy Chandler at ctr****@uncg.edu**

***Required Attachments: Bedini Award Application***

 ***Resume***

 ***Personal Statement***

 ***Itemized List of Expenses/Reimbursements***