WEIDNER SCHOLARSHIP IN RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

This scholarship award is the largest available in the RPM program and is the result of a major gift from Weidner Apartment Homes and its founder/owner W. Dean Weidner in Fall, 2011. An RPM Advisory Board capital member since 2010, this gift was made to recognize the quality of the RPM program at Ball State and the outstanding graduates and interns employed by Weidner. Weidner is a multi-faceted real estate investment and management company, recognized industry wide as an efficient, low-cost provider of quality rental homes and a creative developer of new housing. The Seattle area company is one of the fastest growing and largest apartment owner/managers in the country with principal operations in Washington, Colorado, Texas, Arizona, Alaska, and Western Canada. The scholarship was created with the intention of enhancing the RPM program at Ball State by providing academically talented students with scholarship resources and ultimately to increase the number of qualified professionals entering the residential property management field.

This scholarship will be up to a \$5000 award paid in equal installments in Fall and Spring. It is automatically renewable for additional academic years based on satisfactory progress toward Spring, 2016, or earlier graduation with at least an overall GPA of 3.0 and 3.3 in the RPM major. It is available to either undergraduate or graduate students.

Minimum Requirements:

Complete an application – The application form is available on the RPM Program Intranet site on Blackboard. Write an approximately <u>one page</u> essay to answer the question (space for your response is on the application form) below:

Why did you select apartment management as your future career and what challenges do you foresee for the apartment industry in the future? How will what you learn in the RPM program help meet those challenges and provide the fulfilling career you seek?

- Must have sophomore standing by the beginning of fall semester 2014 as a major in Residential Property Management making satisfactory progress toward graduation by Spring, 2016 or earlier.
- Have a minimum overall grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 and a 3.3 in the RPM major.
- Provide one (1) letter of recommendation from a faculty member who has had the student in class and one (1) letter of recommendation from a second person who knows the student from employment, extra-curricular activity, or other university course work.

Other Selection Criteria:

- Demonstration of strong intellectual ability
- High motivation to succeed in the industry
- Participation in extra-curricular activities related to the field