**Texas Outdoor Education Association**

**Mert Bishop Memorial Scholarship Application**

William Meredith “Mert” Bishop was one of the most valuable members of TOEA as well as a talented, respected leader in education, recreation, outdoor recreation, and other areas. This scholarship honors his leadership in TOEA during the early 1980’s, when TOEA was going through a transitional period and needed a strong and effective leader. Motivation, steadfastness, and a framework of policies and procedures were needed. Mert guided that effort as the president in 1984. His leadership on the TOEA Board was during a period in which the original constitution and by-laws were finalized and adopted; the first policies and procedures manual was written; financial guidelines, policies, accounting procedures, and other record keeping procedures were put in place. While the constitution and by-laws have been amended over the years, as have some policies and procedures, the framework first put in place under Mert’s leadership is still the foundation of TOEA.

**Eligibility:** A Texas resident and 18 yrs. of age or older.

**Application Deadline:** August 15th

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Present Position: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever attended a TOEA workshop before? Yes No If so, list years.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

How did you learn about this scholarship? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Outdoor Experience: Write a few sentences describing your activities/experience to help promote outdoor education.

Write a short statement on what you expect to learn at the TOEA workshop, and how you will benefit from attending. (May use the back if needed)

***The recipient will write an article on how the TOEA Annual Workshop has inspired/impacted their daily activities and their activities in the workplace. This article will appear in the TOEA Newsletter. The deadline for article submission will be March 1st.***