

2016 NRPA Student Scholarship

Introduction

Deadline for application submission is May 13, 2016

Purpose:

The Student Scholarship is presented to an outstanding undergraduate or graduate student in recognition of continuous extraordinary community service or contributions to the field. The Scholarship provides selected students (up to 2) with the opportunity to explore the operation of NRPA and its governing bodies at the 2016 NRPA Annual Conference. Participants will meet with NRPA leadership, and will attend various conference sessions and meetings with their assigned mentor. A primary focus of the program is to inspire future participation and leadership in the National Recreation and Park Association and to develop professional contacts with NRPA professionals from around the nation. Conference registration will be complimentary and a travel stipend of up to \$1000 for travel and hotel expenses will be reimbursed.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Current NRPA student member at time of nomination
- Currently enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program.
- Have completed a minimum of 30 semester hours, or equivalent quarter hours
- Have a minimum of 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale or equivalent in recreation/park courses
- Have completed a minimum of six semester hours, or equivalent quarters, in the recreation/parks curriculum or related field
- Must not be employed full-time in park and recreation
- The intention of the scholarship is to support up and coming professionals with less than 5 years park and recreation experience.
- Have demonstrated leadership in employment and/or campus organizations/activities related to the profession
- May only apply for one fellowship or one scholarship per year
- Must attend the 2016 NRPA Annual Conference in St. Louis, MO, October 5-8

Application Materials:

- Answers to the questions provided below

- Resume including work, education and volunteer experience
- Letter of recommendation from school advisor, professor or field employer

Application Instructions

- All applications must be **received by NRPA** no later than midnight **May 13, 2016, EST**.
- Applicant may only use this official application form.
- All supplemental materials must be submitted electronically in either Microsoft Word or Adobe PDF format.
- Submit no more than two documents (multiple documents may be combined, video links included, however, submit no more than two separate documents). No separate photographs will be accepted.
- Application is automatically disqualified if it does not meet criteria or submission instructions.
- This format has a save and continue feature that is located at the bottom of the question pages.
- For more information, contact the NRPA Awards Program at 703.858.2141 or awards@nrpa.org.

Applicant Information

1. First Name *

2. Middle Initial *

3. Last Name *

4. University / College *

5. Phone Number *

6. Address *

7. City / State / Zip *

8. Email Address *

9. NRPA Membership Number *

10. In order to enhance your fellowship experience with a mentor that closely aligns with your interest, please choose one of the following interest areas:

- ☐ Administrators
- ☐ Armed Forces Recreation
- ☐ Aquatics
- ☐ Education (post-baccalaureate)
- ☐ Inclusion and Accessibility
- ☐ Leisure and Aging
- ☐ Park and Conservation

Essay Questions

Please provide answers to the questions below:

11. Describe specific ways attending the 2016 NRPA National Conference will benefit your career path. *

12. Describe your work experience (paid and/or volunteer) in parks and recreation. Include the nature of the work, responsibilities, and total hours. *

13. What is your personal dedication? Describe your passion and enthusiasm for the field of parks and recreation. Do you inspire action in others? *(250 word maximum)* *

14. Describe your personal goals. *

15. Describe any special honors, awards, recognition you have received or leadership roles you have held. *

Attached Documents

16. Please attach a resume including work, education, and volunteer experiences *

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17. Please attach a letter of recommendation from a school advisor, professor, or field employer *

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