

**MRPF SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

**APPLICANT INFORMATION**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*Permanent Home Address* Street \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_  
State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

*Present Address (if  
different from above)* Street \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_  
State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**GPA** Cumulative \_\_\_\_\_ GPA in Major Courses \_\_\_\_\_

Attach a copy of your transcript to the application. Area of emphasis \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of the MRPA student section? \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you been a member? \_\_\_\_\_

**EDUCATION INFORMATION** Current year in school \_\_\_\_\_

Junior college, vocational school, college or university

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of attendance: \_\_\_\_\_ Dates of attendance: \_\_\_\_\_  
From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Attach an additional sheet if necessary

**JOB EXPERIENCE, VOLUNTEER AND UNPAID WORK EXPERIENCE**

Please list your most recent experience first.

Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Your Title \_\_\_\_\_

Length of Employment: From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_

Duties \_\_\_\_\_

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Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Your Title \_\_\_\_\_

Length of Employment: From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_

Duties \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Your Title \_\_\_\_\_

Length of Employment: From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_

Duties \_\_\_\_\_

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***EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (clubs, community activities, etc.):***

Name of Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Activity \_\_\_\_\_

Length of Involvement: From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_

Description of your involvement \_\_\_\_\_

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Positions held or special honors \_\_\_\_\_

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## MRPF SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY QUESTIONS

All applicants must submit a response to both parts A and B. Each response should be not more than one page, double spaced, typewritten.

Each applicant must submit a response to one of the questions in part C, no more than one page, double spaced, typewritten.

### *PART A - BACKGROUND AND INTERESTS*

Please describe your interests, involvement and accomplishments in the field of park and recreation (job, school or volunteer experiences are acceptable.)

### *PART B - THE PARK AND RECREATION FIELD TODAY*

In your opinion, what are the challenges in society that will have the most impact on the specific park and recreation field that you have chosen as a career? Be specific in your supporting arguments.

### *PART C - SPECIFIC PROFESSIONAL SITUATIONS (Choose One)*

1. You are a recreational therapist in a hospital setting. The nursing director has challenged the benefits of and need for your department on the unit. Justify the therapeutic recreation field as you would present it to nursing staff. You may determine a specific unit in the hospital if you wish.
2. A patient/client is new to your health care/home care facility. Explain how you determine needs or problem areas, how you develop a recreation plan with goals, objectives and tasks, and how you evaluate the progress of the patient/client.
3. What role should competitive sports play in an overall municipal recreation program?
4. Teenagers have proven to be a "tough sell" for many recreation providers. Why is this true and how would you get them involved in your overall recreation program?
5. In providing recreation services to the public, an agency has a responsibility to reach out to the clientele in an effort to get them to participate. How far should an agency go? Where does the agency's responsibility end and where does the individual's responsibility begin?
6. What type of recreation programs should be self-supporting and what types should be tax supported? Explain why you feel this way.
7. Should facility users pay for:
  - a. All costs associated with recreation facilities?
  - b. Some of the costs and if so, which ones?
  - c. None of the costs? In other words, should the facility costs be paid strictly through general taxation?

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8. What are the potential advantages and disadvantages of having youth or adult athletic leagues run by a volunteer association? If you had to choose between operating the league through your department or having an association run it, what would your choice be? Why?
9. Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of involving the public in the planning process.
10. Discuss the management considerations that a planner should be sensitive to in planning a recreation area.
11. Support or rebut the argument that since wilderness is a single, specialized use of land it has no place in an agency whose land is to be managed under multiple use principles.
12. Describe the ways you could lessen the impact of a major campground on the land and water resources on which it is located.
13. *HYPOTHETICAL CASE:* The City of Burnsville has just taken over an interpretive nature center previously owned by the Burnsville school district. You have been hired by the city of Burnsville to be their first naturalist. What would you do to stimulate use of this center by non-school groups?
14. You have just finished leading a four-hour field program entitled *The World of the Whitetail Deer* without seeing a single deer! Would you consider the program a success or a failure? Why?