

MINNESOTA RECREATION AND PARK FOUNDATION STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The MRPF Student Scholarship Program is made possible through the Minnesota Recreation and Park Foundation scholarship partner program. The MRPF scholarship program has been created to promote and enable excellence in the field of park and recreation. The scholarship program is designed to accomplish this goal by providing financial assistance to juniors, seniors and graduate students who are majoring in a Minnesota four-year curriculum with a park and recreation emphasis and display excellence in their abilities, leadership qualities, job experience and commitment to the park and recreation field. The scholarship program includes up to three \$1,000 scholarships with up to one designated for graduate students and the remainder for under graduates. This scholarship program is not intended for professionals.

ELIGIBILITY

- Eligibles must be a junior, senior or graduate student.
- Eligibles must have a minimum GPA of 2.8 overall and 3.0 major.
- Eligibles must be enrolled in one of the following:
 - Therapeutic Recreation
 - Park and Recreation Administration
 - Recreation Resource Management
 - Park Planning
 - Park Programming
 - Resource Interpretation
 - Municipal Recreation
 - Recreation Leadership

CRITERIA OF SELECTION

Applicant's academic background	20%
Recommendations	5%
Recreation related work experience	30%
Responses to written questions	10%
MRPA membership	5%
Interview	30%

(Focusing on professional promise and contributions to the field of park and recreation.)

APPLICANTS MUST SUBMIT

- Application form (**see attached application form**)
- Transcript
- Response to Scholarship Essay Questions
- **Two** letters of recommendation:
 - one from a college professor in your major
 - one from a supervisor in a recreation related work or volunteer experience.

ACCOUNTABILITY

Scholarship recipients must submit a paid fee statement verifying enrollment in an approved accredited program prior to receiving scholarship.

TIME LINE

November 4	Completed scholarship applications due to New Hope Parks & Recreation office (4:30 p.m.)
Week Nov 7	Committee screening of applications
Week of Nov 14	Notification to applicants and finalists
November 2011	Finalist interviews– exact date and location to be determined (Interviews will be held in the metro area. If scheduling of the interview becomes a problem, phone or skype interviews may be considered.)
December 2011	Notification of candidates and recipients
January 2012..	MRPF Scholarship Awards Luncheon at MRPA Annual Meeting

Mail completed scholarship application information to:

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