

NEW JERSEY RECREATION AND PARK ASSOCIATION

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATION

Introduction

The New Jersey Recreation and Park Association (NJRPA) is encouraging all qualified students who are committed to expanding their knowledge and involvement in the Parks and Recreation profession, to apply for one of our scholarship grants. NJRPA firmly believes that the future of our profession lies in the minds and actions of students and depends greatly on their academic and continuing education and development. It is the intent of NJRPA to reward a student who shows professional promise and demonstrates exceptional competence in our profession.

This scholarship is available to undergraduate and graduate college students who are concentrating in the Recreation, Parks and Leisure Services field. (A major in Physical Education does not meet the requirements of this scholarship.) Applicants must be residents of the State of New Jersey and be attending (or have confirmation of forthcoming attendance to) an accredited college or university on a full time or regular part time basis. Verification of successful completion of one full semester in the current school year is required for disbursement of the award.

In an effort to promote awareness of the Parks and Recreation industry, with a view to rewarding those students who seek to pursue this worthwhile career, other scholarships are available to high school students who select courses during their Freshman year pertaining to Recreation, Parks and Leisure Services. Once verification of successful completion of one full semester in the current school year is shown, the successful candidate will receive the award.

It is the intent of the scholarship committee to award \$500 scholarships to high school students and/or \$1,000 scholarships to college students on an annual basis. The scholarship winners will be announced in March.

Applicants will be judged on their academic achievement, leadership, co-curricular and supplemental activities, personal philosophy, professional involvement, career goals and letters of recommendation. Scholarship awards will be made on the basis of this application and the supporting material.

Award recipients will be asked to respond to a brief questionnaire on an annual basis (until one year after graduation), which will assist the committee in tracking their progress in the profession.

All applications must be postmarked by January 1st.
Please mail to: NJRPA, 13 April Lane, Somerset, NJ 08873.

A scholarship committee has been appointed to review the applications and recommend the award winners. The Committee's decisions are final.

Required attachments: high school/college transcripts, two letters of recommendation, additional support materials.