



Professional Development Scholarship

Purpose: The WIRSA Professional Development Scholarship was initiated to provide professional WIRSA members working within a Wisconsin institutions the financial assistance toward a professional development opportunity to include, but not limited to, the WIRSA state workshop, NIRSA national conference, and state, regional, and national officials clinics/tournaments. This scholarship allows the Wisconsin State Association an opportunity to recognize those professionals who excel in their vocational pursuits by participating in experiences for professional growth.

Eligibility: Applicants must be working in a collegiate recreation department/division at a current Wisconsin institution in a professional role or in a non-credit internship position at time of event.

Application Requirements: Applicants must complete the following steps by the following deadlines: January 1 and July Applications will be reviewed within 30 days of the deadline.

1. Meet eligibility requirement stated above.
2. Be a current WIRSA Member
3. Submit [WIRSA Scholarship Application](#) (if not redirected, copy and paste this link <https://tinyurl.com/y6pu54xc>).
4. Submit resume and items a-c listed below as attachments to: stutzmanm@uwstout.edu
 - a. Itemized budget to include registration fee, travel mode and cost, lodging and meal fees.
 - b. Itemized list of additional confirmed or pending funding sources, such as scholarships and/or institutional funding.
 - c. In 250 words or less, briefly explain what benefits you will gain from the development opportunity applied for, what unique qualities you will bring to the experience that will benefit others in attendance, and how you will share your new knowledge with your campus upon return from your experience.

Selection Criteria: Applicants will be equally rated on quality of application materials, leadership experiences, involvement in collegiate recreation, contributions to the recreation field at the community, state, regional, and/or national level, and association with WIRSA, NIRSA, and other related organizations. Priority will be given to applicants who have not received any previous funding from the WIRSA Professional Development Fund.

Selection Committee: The selection committee will consist of the WIRSA Scholarship Committee as elected by members of the state association. The State Director will act as an ex officio member, voting to break ties in the selection process.

Awards: The number and amount of awards offered annually may vary, depending upon the financial state of the scholarship fund. Decisions will be left to the discretion of the Scholarship Committee. The recipient's home institution and/or recipient is responsible for all other costs not covered by the scholarship.

Application Periods: Completed application materials must be received by January 1 or July 1. Professionals may apply for more than one opportunity per year; however, priority will be given to applicants who have not received any previous funding from the WIRSA Development Fund.

Recipient Obligations:

1. Recipient must attend event or forfeit scholarship.
2. After providing the WIRSA Treasurer with proof of payment, the recipient will be reimbursed in the dollar amount of the award.
3. If appropriate, recipients are encouraged to serve in a volunteer capacity while attending the event (work registration table, introduce speakers, monitor sessions, etc.).
4. Maintain a professional representation of self, program/department, and institution.

Notification: All candidates who submitted complete applications will receive electronic notification of scholarship status upon completion of selection process.

Questions: All inquiries may be directed to Mackenzie Stutzman, WIRSA Scholarship Committee Member at 715-232-5390 or stutzmanm@uwstout.edu