



2020 National Professional Development Grant

The **MRPF Grant Program** enables professionals in the parks and recreation field to attend a national conference/training. This grant is intended to provide professional growth and the opportunity to learn from other park and recreation professionals at a national level. One grant will be offered each year.

Recipient may attend a nationally recognized conference/training including all meetings, networking events, and educational sessions in order to expand their professional knowledge and network. After attending the recipient must write a brief evaluation report including: 1) an overview of all activities participated in; and 2) what professional growth experiences were gained and can be shared.

Recipient Benefits

Selected recipient will receive a \$2,000 grant to help cover conference/training expenses, travel, and lodging. The recipient agrees to cover all other associated costs. Proof of registration must be provided to MRPF within two weeks of acceptance of the grant.

Minimum Eligibility Criteria

- Must be a current member of MRPF.
- At least two (2) years of full-time work experience in the Parks and Recreation field or related.
- Must currently live or work in the state of Minnesota.
- Demonstrates an active membership in MRPF and/or MRPA over the last two years.
- Must have held a position in Minnesota responsible for program planning, administration, or supervision in the last two years. (*Preference is given to professionals who do not receive employer funding and typically would not have the ability to attend a national conference/training.*)
- Grant recipients are only eligible to receive the MRPF grant once every five (5) years.

Eligible applicants should submit application and supporting materials via email to the address below, no later than **Friday, April 3, 2020**. All applications will be scored according to the point system listed above. Incomplete and partial applications will not be considered. Applicants will be notified by Monday, April 20, 2020.

To:

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**2020 Application
National Professional
Development Grant**

Please type:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: Office: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

Identify the conference you wish to attend (include dates, location, and registration fee):

Are you a current MRPF Member? Yes No

Please identify any previous national trainings/conferences attended (include title, dates, and any funding provided by an employer or other professional organization):

***Submit answers to the questions below on provided application. Responses for #3–7 must follow the 350 word maximum per question. Please provide all materials in a single PDF file.

1. Submit a Resume including work, education, and volunteer experiences. (2pts)
2. Submit two letters of recommendation supporting your attendance of the desired national conference/training. One letter must be from a current supervisor (*if currently employed*). (4pts)
3. Briefly describe the reason(s) your motivation to apply for the grant and provide explanation of why financial assistance is required. (10pts)
(*Include other possible funding sources/volunteer benefits which provide additional financial assistance.*)
4. List your service(s) to MRPF and MRPA over the past two (2) years. (6pts)
(*If desired, additional service beyond two years may be submitted within 350 word maximum.*)
5. Describe any special honors, awards, recognitions, or certifications you have received. (4pts)
6. Describe how attending this training opportunity will help achieve your professional goals. (12pts)
7. Describe how attending this conference/training will enhance the quality of the recreation profession in Minnesota. (12pts)

Signature of Applicant:

Date: _____

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