



MINNESOTA RECREATION AND PARK FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The MRPF 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 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, permanent residents of Minnesota majoring in a neighboring state in the same degree or professional MRPF members enrolled in a graduate program. Applicants must also display excellence in their abilities, leadership qualities, job experience and commitment to the park and recreation field. The scholarship program includes up to four \$1,500 scholarships with up to one designated for graduate students and the remainder for undergraduates.

ELIGIBILITY

- Eligible recipients must have a minimum GPA of 2.8 overall.
- Eligible recipients must be enrolled in a program with a parks and recreation emphasis. Programs can include, but are not limited to:
 - Therapeutic Recreation, Recreation and Tourism, Leisure Planning and Management
 - Recreation Park and Leisure Studies, Recreation Resource Management, Sports Management, Public Administration

CRITERIA OF SELECTION

- Recreation related work experience up to 20 points
- Interview up to 30 points
(Focusing on professional promise and contributions to the field of park and recreation.)
- Applicant’s academic background up to 10 points
- Responses to written questions..... up to 30 points
- Recommendations up to 5 points
- MRPF membership..... 5 points

APPLICANTS MUST SUBMIT

- Application
 - Student - <https://forms.gle/P9isha2WT3Kdmfnu8>
 - Diversity Excellence - <https://forms.gle/wHn31XAwcLczebJC9>
 - Professional - <https://forms.gle/Vi28yaRMqYPxv91v6>
- Transcript **clearly displaying overall GPA**
- 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 program prior to receiving scholarship.

TIME LINE

- Completed scholarship applications must be submitted by November 1, 2020 at 11:59 pm
- Candidate interviews will be scheduled in November 2020 – exact date and location TBD
**** (Interviews will be in Metro Area. If difficulty scheduling interviews occurs; virtual interviews will be considered)*
- Candidates and recipients will be notified no later than December 11, 2020