



Parks & Recreation Scholarship Opportunity

Parks and Recreation Students:

Being a member of Michigan Recreation and Park Association (MRPA) has many benefits. The small annual fee includes:

- Opportunities to network with professionals throughout the state.
- Discounted fees for annual conference (volunteer and attend at no charge!), professional development workshops, and certification classes.
- Weekly Eblast with current MRPA information.
- Annual Directory & Buyers Guide.
- Option to post resume on MRPA website.
- Access to “Members Only” section of MRPA website, including Careers page.
- Ability to serve on MRPA committees.
- **Opportunity to apply for an undergraduate or graduate scholarship for either tuition or an internship!**

The investment is small compared to the overall benefits.

Overview on how to apply for an MRPA Scholarship;

(See application for complete criteria to apply for scholarship)

1. Have a current MRPA membership. (*Application available online at www.mrpaonline.org.)*)
2. Submit a completed MRPA Scholarship Application. (*Must be postmarked no later than February 17, 2010. Interviews will be held on March 19, 2010.*)
3. Submit a copy of your resume.
4. Submit a copy of your most recent transcript. (*Must have a minimum of 9 credits completed in Recreation at time of application.*)
5. Submit a Letter of Recommendation from an MRPA member. (*Preferably someone other than your faculty advisor.*)

Regardless of where you may be in your college career, you cannot afford to pass on this Scholarship opportunity. The benefits reach far beyond monetary gain. Recognition from your future Park and Recreation peers has immeasurable value.

Sincerely,

Nancy Cowan, CPRP, CYSA
Scholarship Committee Chair

Enclosures: Scholarship / Internship Application & Requirements



Scholarship Information

- The Scholarship Committee will distribute up to \$12,000 in student scholarship and internship awards this year.
- There will be a maximum of 9 scholarships awarded. The scholarships will vary between \$500 and \$3,000.
- The Scholarship Committee designates amounts to each scholarship winner based on the application and interview process. The Committee also reserves the right to select less than 9 recipients, if desired, based on the performance of the applicants.
- Some of the scholarships are designated as special recognition awards and include:
 - **Rob Nagle Award** - The Rob Nagle Scholarship Award was initiated in 1995 by the Shane Group to commemorate the life of Robert J. Nagle Jr. who passed away that year at the age of 37 from cancer. Rob had been Vice-President and West Michigan Sales Manager for Jennings of Michigan since 1985. The intent of the award is to encourage college students to invest the same enthusiasm, integrity and positive attitude in their careers as Rob displayed in providing quality recreational opportunities to others. This award is designated to the \$3,000 Scholarship Recipient.
 - **Excellence Scholarship** - Initiated in 2002 by keynote speaker, Ian Hill. This award is given to a student who exemplifies and displays excellence in the field of Parks and Recreation. Award Amount: \$1,000.
 - **Becky McCann Scholarship** - Initiated in 2000 by professors and students of Central Michigan University in honor of Becky McCann. Becky McCann was a professor at CMU and showed tremendous leadership in the profession of Parks and Recreation. The recipient of the Becky McCann Scholarship is the person who can best answer the essay question: As a student, what aspects of leadership do you feel are most beneficial in the Parks and Recreation profession? As a leader, what can you bring to the profession of Parks and Recreation? Award amount: \$500.
 - **Herb Jennings Award** – Initiated in 2008 by the Shane Group. The intent of this award is to benefit a student of a current or past MRPA parent or grandparent that has realized their path into the recreation industry through lifelong participation and volunteering. Initially designed to be a MRPA family legacy award, this award will be given to the student who embodies the greatest spirit of volunteering and involvement. Award amount: \$1,000.
- Applicants are notified within two weeks of completing the interview process.
Good luck!

