

## North Carolina Recreation & Parks Scholarship Foundation Scholarship Criteria, Eligibility and Deadlines

### **UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

The North Carolina Recreation & Parks Scholarship Foundation (NCRPSF) provides scholarships to assist undergraduate students interested in pursuing careers in public parks and recreation. Scholarships are granted per academic year and typically range from \$500 to \$3,000. The eligibility criteria are included below. The Foundation will accept scholarship applications for the upcoming school year from students who meet the requirements and submit all required information and supporting documents by the application deadline.

- A legal resident of North Carolina.
- A rising Junior or Senior enrolled full-time in a four year curriculum at a North Carolina college or university which provides a major, concentration or emphasis in parks and recreation and/or related fields.
- A cumulative “B” average (3.0 on a 4.0 system) through the previous semester as evidenced by current transcript. Copy of official transcript(s) required from all colleges/universities attended required with application.
- A current member of the North Carolina Recreation and Park Association. ([www.ncrpa.net](http://www.ncrpa.net))
- Provide two (2) references: one academic & one work/volunteer related that must be submitted with application.

**Application Deadline: APRIL 1ST at midnight**  
**Completed application, copy of official transcript(s) and 2 reference letters**  
**must be emailed to [info@ncrpa.net](mailto:info@ncrpa.net) by the deadline**

Scholarship finalists will be required to submit a video response (7 minutes maximum) to a set of questions provided by the Scholarship Selection Committee. Notifications will be made by May 1st and video submissions are due by May 18th at midnight.

Questions regarding the application process should be sent via email to Dr. Jill Mills: [jmills@moc.edu](mailto:jmills@moc.edu)

### **FLETCHER GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

The North Carolina Recreation & Parks Scholarship Foundation offers scholarships to graduate students in the field of public parks and recreation. Graduate students who meet the criteria as stated below are eligible for the Fletcher Graduate Scholarship. The Foundation will accept applications for the upcoming academic year from students who meet the following requirements:

1. Applicant must be a current graduate student in public parks and recreation or related field at a college or university in the state of North Carolina
2. Applicant must have completed at least one (1) semester of graduate study and at time of application, must be currently enrolled in a graduate curriculum
3. Applicant must be a current NCRPA member ([www.ncrpa.net](http://www.ncrpa.net))
4. Provide one (1) academic and one (1) professional reference. Must be submitted with application.

**Application Deadline: APRIL 1ST at midnight**  
**Completed application and 2 reference letters must be emailed**  
**to [info@ncrpa.net](mailto:info@ncrpa.net) by the deadline**

Questions regarding the application process should be sent via email to Dr. Jill Mills [jmills@umo.edu](mailto:jmills@umo.edu)

## **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPLICATION**

Each year, the North Carolina Recreation & Parks Scholarship Foundation provides a grant for the training of recreation leadership in public education, research and professional development in an effort to advance and enhance the parks, recreation and leisure services profession. Professional education is intended to include symposia, conferences, continuing education courses and other training opportunities.

### **General Information**

- Grants are available for accredited, professional parks and recreation schools, symposiums, conferences and other training opportunities that offer Continuing Education Units such as schools offered by the National Recreation and Park Association and the North Carolina Recreation and Park Association.
- **Grants will be awarded by June 1 for use during the subsequent July 1 – June 30 fiscal year.**
- Grants are for one year only and recipients are ineligible for future grants for a five year period.
- While all professional education/training opportunities are eligible for grants, consideration will be given in the following priority order:
  1. Specialized national and regional institutes, schools and symposiums
  2. NRPA sponsored national and regional conferences
  3. NCRPA sponsored conferences
- Grants shall not exceed \$500.00 each and shall be used to offset expenses related to registration, housing and transportation.
- **Application with all support materials must be submitted electronically by April 1 at midnight.**

### **Eligibility**

- Applicant must be a current member of NCRPA for a minimum of one year prior to the application deadline **(April 1)**
- Applicant must be an individual and currently employed as a paid professional in a recognized park, recreation or leisure services setting in North Carolina and for at least two full years prior to the application deadline.

### **Application Requirements**

- Applicant must include a letter of endorsement from the department/agency director. Included in the letter will be a statement relative to the financial support the applicant will or will not receive from their employer for the training opportunity.
- Applicant must be able to illustrate the need for the requested funds, why the training is needed and the benefits that will be received from the training.
- Applicant must provide a current resume at the time of the application.
- Applicant must list professional training, conferences, schools, etc. attended in the past two years.
- Applications that are incomplete will not be held for supporting documentation and will not be considered.

Questions about the application process should be sent to Mary Henderson at [mary.rosie.henderson@gmail.com](mailto:mary.rosie.henderson@gmail.com)

## **JAN PARKER NRPA CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

The Jan Parker NRPA Conference Scholarship was established in 2014 to assist an outstanding NCRPA member with costs associated with attending the NRPA Annual Conference. Jan Parker served as NCRPA President in 2006. She was an advocate for professional development and always enjoyed the opportunity to attend the NRPA Conference. This scholarship was established to honor her and her commitment to the parks and recreation profession. This scholarship is funded by proceeds from the [NCRPA Visa Debit Card](#) in partnership with the Local Government Federal Credit Union. The scholarship applications will be reviewed, ranked, and awarded by the North Carolina Recreation and Parks Scholarship Foundation.

The Scholarship provides \$850 to be used towards the expenses associated with attending the NRPA Annual Conference to be held September 26-28, 2017 in New Orleans, Louisiana.

**Application process:**

Scholarship applications are due to NCRPA by midnight on April 1. One applicant will be selected to receive the scholarship in 2016. All applicants will be notified of the scholarship recipient by June 1.

**Eligibility Criteria:**

- Current NCRPA member
- Currently employed with a local parks & recreation agency in NC
- Participant in the [NCRPA Visa Debit Card](#) program (to be verified by LGFCU).

**Required Application Materials:**

*In order to complete this application, the following documents must be supplied:*

- A Resume including work, education and volunteer experiences;
- Two letters of reference from individuals familiar with your job performance;
- Completed application (on the following page)

**Expectations:**

- Recipient is expected to write a blog about their experiences at the NRPA Annual Conference to be shared with NCRPA members via our website and/or magazine.

All applications must be submitted by **April 1** to [info@ncrpa.net](mailto:info@ncrpa.net) .

If you have any questions regarding your application,  
please contact NCRPA at [info@ncrpa.net](mailto:info@ncrpa.net) or (919) 832-5868

**NCRPA YOUNG PROFESSIONAL FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION**

The North Carolina Recreation & Park Association's Young Professional Fellowship Program enables an outstanding young professional to attend NCRPA's Annual Conference and to interact with and learn from some of the most influential state leaders within the Association. A Fellow receives a complimentary registration to the annual conference, a travel stipend of up to \$600, and a mentor is assigned to the young professional for the duration of the conference. After the conference, the mentor continues to work with the recipient over the following year to build the young professional's relationship with the association and to encourage and guide the young professional's continued development.

**Fellowship:**

The Fellow attends the state conference in the fall, and a mentor guides their conference experience, receptions or other leadership conference activities. The Fellowship continues through the year following the conference with the fellow-mentor relationship to build the young professional's relationship with the association and to encourage and guide the young professional's continued development.

**The Fellow receives:**

- A mentor on the NCRPA Board of Directors, or other senior association member in a leadership role. The mentor will be selected to align with the Fellow's professional interests.
- Complimentary registration to the association's annual conference.
- Up to \$600 in travel and hotel expense reimbursement for the conference.

**Application process:**

Fellowship applications are received, reviewed and ranked with award of the Fellowship by June 1. One applicant will be selected as a Fellow each year.

**Eligibility Criteria:**

- Current NCRPA member;
- Currently employed in parks & recreation (full-time or part-time);
- Two years of full time experience in field, but not longer than ten years by application deadline;
- 35 years or younger at time of conference;
- Must attend the annual conference, October 24-26, 2016 in Charlotte, NC;
- Prior NCRPA young professional fellowship recipients are not eligible

**Expectations:**

- Recipients are expected to write a blog about their experiences at the NCRPA Conference to be shared with NCRPA members via our website and/or magazine.

**Application Materials:**

*In order to complete this application, the following documents must be supplied:*

- A Resume including work, education and volunteer experiences;
- Currently employed in parks & recreation;
- Two years experience in field, but not longer than ten years;
- Two letters of reference from individuals familiar with your job performance;
- Completed application with director's signature and answers to questions on the following page.

All applications must be submitted by April 1 to [info@ncrpa.net](mailto:info@ncrpa.net) .

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