



Karon Badalamenti Change Agent Scholarship



In honor of the passing of Karon Badalamenti, CPRE, (1961 - 2014), a professional development scholarship of up to \$500 will be awarded annually through the dedicated Badalamenti Scholarship Fund (sponsored by Greenplay, GP RED, and private donations) for a parks and recreation and/or allied professional or student to attend a professional development opportunity offered by Colorado Parks and Recreation Association (CPRA). **Applications are due April 30, 2017.**

Background and Requirements for Recipients

Karon Badalamenti believed in personal and professional development throughout her career as a parks and recreation practitioner, consultant, and teacher. She embodied the spirit of a true entrepreneur with a public sector heart, and she was dedicated to using parks and recreation to create quality of life in our communities. The Review committee will award this scholarship based on dedication to mirroring these identified qualities, intent related to innovations in management and planning excellence, commitment to public agency transparency and efficiency, and personal dedication to helping parks and recreation agencies thrive.

2015 Applications

Applications for the 2017 Karon Badalamenti Change Agent Scholarship (up to \$500) are due April 30, 2017. For this scholarship, applicants must be a current member of CPRA and applications and all supporting documentation must be submitted electronically to cpra@cpra-web.org.

Submittals will be reviewed by the Review Committee. Incomplete applications will not be held for supporting documentation and will not be considered. Additional scholarships may be made available as funding allows. Donations to the scholarship fund can be made to GP RED, contact info@gpred.org or call 303-439-8369 to pay by credit card.

To apply please submit the following documents and information to cpra@cpra-web.org:

- **Contact Information:** Name, address, phone, and email
- **Resume:** Including current job title, employment history, education, and any certifications
- **Letter of Reference:** At least one from a professional peer
- **Answers to the following questions** (maximum of 600 words total for all answers):
 - How are you dedicated to using your talents to helping communities thrive?
 - How are you an agent of change and/or an innovator for better practices?
 - Why do you want to attend this professional development offering?
 - How will this scholarship help you attend, instead of making your own full personal or professional investment in this educational opportunity?

The awarded 2017 recipient will be notified by June 15, 2017.