Mississippi Recreation & Park Association
Student Scholarship Award
Application and Procedures

Purpose: The purpose of the MRPA Student Scholarship Award is to recognize outstanding examples of leadership among Mississippi college students and to provide financial assistance to Mississippi residents seeking degrees and careers in the parks, recreation, and leisure services industry.

Amount: $250.00 (Minimum)

Eligibility: 1. A resident of Mississippi currently registered as a full-time student at a Mississippi college or university.  
2. Major in Parks & Recreation and/or Leisure Services professional preparation program.  
3. Junior or Senior status as defined by the college of choice.  
4. A minimum of 2.75 Grade Point Average (on a 4.0 grade system) on all undergraduate coursework at time of application.  
5. A current, official copy of the student's transcript, indicating most recent term and overall GPA.  
6. An undergraduate student working on a bachelor's degree.  
7. Member, Mississippi Recreation and Park Association.  
8. Preference given to students who have demonstrated financial need.

Application: 1. Students may be either nominated or may personally apply.  
2. Nomination/Application forms are available from the MRPA Executive Office, P.O. Box 16451, Hattiesburg, MS 39404-6451; (601) 582-3361.

Application Deadline: All scholarship applications should be mailed to the MRPA Awards Committee, P.O. Box 16451, Hattiesburg, MS 39404-6451 and must be received no later than August 1, 2023.

Procedure: 1. Submit a transcript of all undergraduate work.  
2. Submit three letters of recommendation: one from a park, recreation, or leisure services professional; and two from faculty.  
3. Submit a completed application form.

Exemplary Leadership Activities:

Applicants will be evaluated and selected on demonstrated leadership activities. Particular leadership activities of interest include, but may not be limited to the following:

* leadership and/or participation in local, state, regional or national recreation or leisure professional organizations or associations.
* leadership and/or participation in scholastic activities and organizations.
* leadership and/or participation in community service clubs and organizations.
* leadership and/or participation in religious, cultural, and/or social organizations.
* paid and volunteer work experience.
Student Scholarship Application

Please PRINT or TYPE all information.

Name: ____________________________________________

(Last)  (First)

Permanent Address: ____________________________________________

(Street)

(City)  (State)  (Zip)

Telephone: __________________________

College/University: __________________________

Academic Advisor: __________________________  Phone: __________________________

Overall G.P.A.: _______________ (Attach a current transcript.)

Are you a Mississippi resident?  ☐ Yes  ☐ No  Status:  ☐ JR  ☐ SR

1. **Paid/Volunteer Leadership:** Provide a summary of your recreation related leadership activities. Include agencies, titles, dates of service. (Use additional paper if necessary.)

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2. **Clubs and Organizations:** Include a summary of leadership activities including membership in organizations, honors, offices held, etc.

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3. **Future Professional Goals:** Describe your future professional goals and ambitions.

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4. **Statement of Financial Need:** Summarize your financial situation and how this scholarship would benefit you in pursuing your professional education.

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The MRPA Convention Scholarship is designed to provide convention registration to a Mississippi student in exchange for his/her work at the annual convention.

Current full package student registration fees.

1. Currently enrolled as a full-time student at a Mississippi college or university.
2. Major in parks, recreation, or leisure services program.
3. Attendance during entire convention schedule, as required by MRPA Executive Office.
4. Overall G.P.A. of 2.75 (on 4.0 scale) on all undergraduate coursework at the time of application.

All scholarship applications should be mailed to the MRPA Awards Committee, PO Box 16451, Hattiesburg, MS 39404-6451

Must be received no later than August 1, 2023.
Convention Scholarship Application

Please PRINT or TYPE all information.

Name:___________________________________________________________________________

(Last) (First)

Permanent Address:______________________________________________________________

(Street)

______________________________________________________________________________

(City) (State) (Zip)

Telephone: ______________________________

College/University: ______________________________________________________________

Academic Advisor: ___________________________ Phone: ___________________________

Overall G.P.A.: __________ (Attach a current transcript.)

Are you a Mississippi resident? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Status: ☐ Fr ☐ So ☐ Jr ☐ Sr ☐ Gr

1. Briefly summarize volunteer and/or paid work experience of the past three years.

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2. Why do you want to attend this conference?

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3. Identify your skills and abilities (particularly public speaking) which would enable you to assist with convention operations and management.

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Signature of academic advisor verifies GPA and current full-time enrollment as parks, recreation and leisure services major.

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Signature Date
Mississippi Recreation & Park Association

Howard Sommer/C. W. Kirkland
Professional Development Award
Application and Procedures

Purpose: The purpose of the MRPA Howard Sommer/C. W. Kirkland Professional Development Award is to provide students in their junior year the opportunity to further their professional development by providing financial assistance to join the National Recreation and Parks Association and the Mississippi Recreation and Parks Association to Mississippi residents seeking degrees and careers in the parks, recreation and leisure services industry.

Amount: MRPA/NRPA Student Membership Dues

Eligibility:
1. A resident of Mississippi currently registered as a full-time student at a Mississippi college or university.
2. Majoring in Parks and Recreation and/or Leisure Services professional preparation program.
3. A junior student status as defined by the college of choice.
4. A minimum of 2.75 Grade Point Average (on a 4.0 system) on all course work at the time of application.
5. A current copy of the student’s transcript, indicating the most recent term and overall GPA.

Application: Students may be either nominated or may personally apply.

Application Deadline: All scholarship applications should be mailed to the MRPA Awards Committee, PO Box 16451, Hattiesburg, MS 39404-6451 and must be received no later than August 1, 2023.

Procedure:
1. Submit a transcript of all course work
2. Submit 3 letters of recommendation to include one from a park, recreation or leisure services professional; and two from faculty members.
3. Submit a completed application form.
Howard Sommer/C. W. Kirkland  
Professional Development Award Application

Please PRINT or TYPE all information

Name: ________________________________________________________________________
         (Last)                                                             (First)

Permanent Address: ________________________________________________________________________
         (Street)

                              (City)        (State)        (Zip)

Telephone: _____________________________

College/University: __________________________________________________________________________

Academic Advisor: ___________________________ Phone: __________________________

Overall G.P.A.: ____________ (Attach a current transcript.)

Are you a Mississippi resident? □ Yes □ No

Signature of academic advisor verifies GPA and current full-time enrollment as parks, recreation and leisure services major.

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         Signature                               Date

Return to: All scholarship applications should be mailed to the MRPA Awards Committee,  
PO Box 16451, Hattiesburg, MS 39404-6451

Must be received no later than August 1, 2023.