



Membership Information.



Mission Statement

To enhance the quality of leisure services to participants of member park districts and recreation agencies located in the south suburban Chicago Metropolitan area through professional leadership, interaction, diverse programming, education/training sessions, legislative issues and special projects that will continually benefit all those whom they serve.

2012 GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION \$500

GENERAL INFORMATION

The South Suburban Park and Recreation Professional Association established a new educational scholarship to assist those professionals in furthering their educational endeavors. A \$ 500.00 scholarship is available to those enrolled in graduate level course work to enhance the field of park, recreation, conservation, therapeutic recreation, massage therapy, and/or leisure services. Applicants will be judged on related professional experiences, leadership, demonstration of professional involvement and academic achievement. Payment of the award will be made to the scholarship recipient at the April 12, 2012 Awards Presentation.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicant must:

- Be a member of the South Suburban Park and Recreation Professional Association for at least 5 years.
- Be currently enrolled in a Masters degree program to enhance the field of park, recreation, conservation, therapeutic recreation, massage therapy, and/or leisure services. These include, but are not limited to: MPA, MBA, MRA
- Show proof of enrollment in a University level Masters program.
- Carry a minimum of 2.5/4.0 or 3.0/5.0 grade point average for all courses of study.

APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Complete the application form.
2. Sign the application.
3. Submit copy current grades and GPA.
4. Include a resume outlining academic achievement, related professional experiences, leadership and demonstration of professional involvement.
5. Include a personal statement describing your vision of this field, how your Masters degree will enhance it, personal volunteer experience, leadership roles and innovative techniques, services or programs that you developed or implemented.
6. Include one letter of recommendation from another professional in the field of parks and recreation.
7. Application must be postmarked by March 8, 2012
8. Mail application, personal statement, resume and letter of recommendation to either chairperson listed below.

Mary Crout, CPRP, MPA
 Assistant Pavilion Manager/Aquatics Director
 Oak Lawn Park District
 9401 S. Oak Park Ave
 Oak Lawn, IL 60454
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Mike Baiardo, CPRP
 Superintendent of Recreation
 Alsip Park District
 12521 S. Kostner
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Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell / Work Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

University: _____

GPA: _____ On a Scale of: _____

Masters Program: _____

Applicants' Printed Name: _____

Applicants' Signature: _____ Date _____

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