



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.

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# 2012 UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION \$500

## GENERAL INFORMATION

The South Suburban Park and Recreation Professional Association established an educational scholarship to assist students in furthering their educational endeavors. A \$ 500.00 scholarship is available to a full time student pursuing a degree in the field of park, recreation, conservation, therapeutic recreation, massage therapy, and/or leisure services. Applicants will be judged on academic achievement, related professional experiences, leadership and demonstration of professional involvement. Payment of the award will be made to the scholarship recipient at the April 12, 2012 Awards Presentation.

## ELIGIBILITY

Applicant must:

- Be a student member of the South Suburban Park and Recreation Professional Association. (\$5 membership fee - applications at [ssprpa.org](http://ssprpa.org)).
- Be currently pursuing a degree in the field of park, recreation, conservation, therapeutic recreation, massage therapy, and/or leisure services.
- Show proof of enrollment in a college or university level parks and recreation program. (Seniors must have proof of enrollment in graduate studies the following year).
- 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. Have the department head or faculty member sign the application to verify student status and grade point average.
4. Include a resume outlining academic achievement, related professional experiences, leadership and demonstration of professional involvement.
5. Include a brief personal statement describing why they should receive the award.
6. Include one letter of recommendation from employer or professor 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  
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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell / School Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

University or College: \_\_\_\_\_

GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ On a Scale of: \_\_\_\_\_

Major Area of Study: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Year in School \_\_\_\_\_ Sophomore \_\_\_\_\_ Junior \_\_\_\_\_ Senior

Students Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Students Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Department Head/Faculty Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

( I have read this application and agree, to the best of my knowledge that the information provided is accurate)

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