

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS PARKS and RECREATION ASSOCIATION

SIPRA 2010/2011 Undergraduate/Graduate Student Scholarship Application

September 24, 2010

General Information

On October 3, 2003, the Southern Illinois Park and Recreation Association (SIPRA) established and funded an educational grant/scholarship program designed to assist individuals who wish to further their educational endeavors. In October of 2008 SIPRA established the \$2,000 "Otto Rice Memorial" scholarship honoring a fellow park and recreation professional that died unexpectedly leaving a legacy of professional commitment to the Community Public Park and Recreation Profession. Annually thereafter, once the money has been earmarked and set aside, and whenever a sufficient number of qualified applications have been received, no more than two \$1,000.00 scholarships and no more one \$2000 "Otto Rice Memorial" scholarship shall be **awarded to undergraduate or graduate students enrolled in university-level recreation curriculums pursuing a career in local community based public leisure services**. In addition, all award recipients will receive a one-year SIPRA membership. **(Two \$1,000 scholarships and one \$2,000 scholarship may be awarded in this 2010/2011 school cycle.)**

Payment of the awards will be made in two installments. The first half of the award will be mailed to the student scholarship recipient(s) before the end of calendar year 2010.

In order to receive the remainder of their award, the SIPRA Student Scholarship recipient(s) must be in attendance at one of the 2011 monthly SIPRA meetings scheduled for February 4th, March 4th, or April 1st.

Eligibility

Student scholarship applicant must:

- Have an academic and professional interest in the area of park, recreation, conservation, therapeutic recreation or other **local community based public leisure services**. (*Not hospitals, colleges, national forests, state or national parks, etc.*)
- Be in attendance at a university-level **park, recreation or leisure studies curriculum**.
- Have a minimum overall 2.5 out of a 4.0 or 3.0 out of a 5.0 grade point average for all courses of study.
- Have a minimum 3.25 grade point average out of a 4.0 scale or a 4.0 grade point average out of a 5.0 scale in their required recreation major courses of study.

Award Criteria

Applicants will be judged on academic achievement, related professional experiences, leadership, and demonstration of professional involvement.

Application Process (All 5 items below must be completed as specified to be considered)

1. Complete the attached application form. Students may use their own word processing program instead of the application form. However, the student is required to present their application in the same format, and approximate spacing as the original application. **Hand written applications will not be considered.**
2. Sign and date the application.
3. Obtain academic advisor signature on application.
4. Submit university transcript with application. Usually available online to the student. (First year graduate students must submit their undergraduate transcript)
5. Application must be postmarked no later than November 1, 2010 and sent to:

SIPRA Student Scholarship Application
C/O George Whitehead, SIPRA Secretary
2900 West Kent Drive
Carbondale, IL 62901-1923
Email: sipra.george@yahoo.com

SOUTHERN **I**LLINOIS **P**ARKS and **R**ECREATION **A**SSOCIATION
(SIPRA)

2010/2011 Undergraduate/Graduate Student Scholarship Timeline

- 5 OCT 10** – Distribute 2009/2010 Application to Illinois recreation faculty members no later than this date.
- 1 NOV 10** – **Postmark deadline for submittal of SIPRA Student Scholarship applications.**
- 25 NOV 10** – SIPRA Student Scholarship review committee receives application copies and begins independent review.
- 11 DEC 10** – No later than this date the SIPRA Student Scholarship review committee shall complete independent review of applicants documents and submits review tabulations determining the recipients for scholarship awards & make suggestions for application and review tool improvements.
- 14 DEC 10** – No later than this date the committee shall notify college and university departments and each SIPRA Student Scholarship award recipient.
- 20 DEC 10** – Mail first half of the 2009-2010 scholarship funding.
- Distribute second half of 2010-2011 SIPRA Student Scholarship funding at one of the following 2011 SIPRA Membership meetings attended by the recipient(s):**
- 4 FEB 2011** hosted by O’Fallon Parks & Recreation, O’Fallon, Illinois
4 MAR 2011 hosted by Alton Parks & Recreation, Alton, Illinois
1 APR 2010 hosted by Mt. Vernon Parks & Recreation, Mt. Vernon, Illinois

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS PARK AND RECREATION ASSOCIATION
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Applicant Information Form

Name:

Permanent "Home" Address:

School Address:

Phone: ())

Phone: ())

Email:

Email:

Home Town Newspaper:

Phone: ())

Academic Information

College or University attending:

Major Area of Study (Community, TR, outdoor, commercial, sports management, etc.):

Current Year in School: (X One) __Sophomore __Junior __Senior __1st Year Graduate __2nd Year

Graduate

Current "overall" Grade Point Average: _____ on a Scale of: _____ (1st Year Grad Students are to submit their

undergrad GPA)

Current "major" Grade Point Average: _____ on a Scale of: _____ (1st Year Grad Students are to submit their

undergrad GPA)

Applicant Certification

1. I am pursuing a career in local community based public leisure services.

2. The information provided in this document is accurate and reflects my educational and work experiences.

3. I understand that: A) within six (6) months of the receipt of funding, SIPRA Student Scholarship recipients must provide to the SIPRA Student Scholarship Committee an accounting of how scholarship funds were expended; B) SIPRA Student Scholarship funds are intended to support educational, scholarly or professional-enrichment pursuits; and C) Should the SIPRA Student Scholarship Committee determine that recipient spent SIPRA funds in a manner inconsistent with the intended use, the recipient may be asked to reimburse SIPRA for that portion of the scholarship spent inappropriately.

4. I understand that if any of the information is found to be untrue, my application will not be reviewed by the SIPRA Student Scholarship Review Committee.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Advisor's Certification Please have your academic advisor read your application and sign below:

I have read this application and hereby attest in signing this form that, to the best of my knowledge, the information provided by the applicant is accurate and truthful.

Advisor's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Related Paid Work Experiences

List an experience (coach, program leader, counselor, umpire, life guard, concessions attendant, park/golf/building maintenance, building attendant, program supervisor, etc.) only once and use only the space provided. In describing the experience, consider the following:

1. Note supervisory responsibilities (Supervision of employees/staff/volunteers, responsible for the direction of work and tasks to be completed by others).
2. Note Leadership responsibilities (Responsible for planning or leading children or adults in leisure activities).
3. Note innovative techniques, services or programs that you personally developed or implemented.

Work Experiences: The applicant should only describe paid work experiences in the areas of recreation leadership, sports, aquatics, parks, commercial, outdoor, conservation, therapeutic, etc.

Experience 1: Position:

Supervisor:

Agency:

Town/State:

Estimated # of Hours Worked:

Dates:

Description of Duties, Responsibilities and Skills Acquired which will be relevant to a career in Parks and Recreation:

Experience 2: Position:

Supervisor:

Agency:

Town/State:

Estimated # of Hours Worked:

Dates:

Description of Duties, Responsibilities and Skills Acquired which will be relevant to a career in Parks and Recreation:

Experience 3: Position:

Supervisor:

Agency:

Town/State:

Estimated # of Hours Worked:

Dates:

Description of Duties, Responsibilities and Skills Acquired which will be relevant to a career in Parks and Recreation:

Volunteer Experience / Involvement

List an experience only once (coach, program leader, counselor, umpire, life guard, concessions attendant, park/golf/building maintenance, building attendant, program supervisor, etc.) and use only the space provided. In describing the experience, consider the following:

1. Note supervisory responsibilities (Supervision of employees/staff, responsible for the direction of work and tasks to be completed by others).
2. Note leadership responsibilities (Responsible for planning or leading children or adults in leisure activities).
3. Note innovative techniques, services or programs that you developed or implemented.

Related Volunteer Experiences: The applicant should only describe volunteer experiences in the area of recreation leadership, parks and planning, conservation, or therapeutic recreation. Please do not include honorary positions or club/social activities.

Experience 1: Position:

Supervisor:

Agency:

Town/State:

Estimated # of Hours Worked:

Dates:

Description of Duties, Responsibilities and Skills Acquired which will be relevant to a career in Parks and Recreation:

Experience 2: Position:

Supervisor:

Agency:

Town/State:

Estimated # of Hours Worked:

Dates:

Description of Duties, Responsibilities and Skills Acquired which will be relevant to a career in Parks and Recreation:

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Supervisor:

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Estimated # of Hours Worked:

Dates:

Description of Duties, Responsibilities and Skills Acquired which will be relevant to a career in Parks and Recreation:

Leadership Experience / Involvement

List an experience (coaching coordinator, programs coordinator, counselor coordinator, umpires coordinator, life guards supervisor, concessions supervisor, park/golf/building maintenance supervisor, building supervisor, program supervisor, etc.) only once and use only the space provided. In describing the experience, consider the following:

1. Note supervisory responsibilities (Supervision of employees/staff, responsible for the direction of work and tasks to be completed by others).
2. Note leadership responsibilities (Responsible for planning or leading children or adults in leisure activities).
3. Note innovative techniques, services or programs that you developed or implemented.

Leadership Opportunities: In this area the applicant should describe any offices they may have held in clubs, fraternities, civic organizations, etc. Volunteer experiences unrelated to parks & recreation field may also be described here.

Experience 1: Position:

Supervisor:

Agency:

Town/State:

Estimated # of Hours Worked:

Dates:

Description of Duties, Responsibilities and Skills Acquired which will be relevant to a career in Parks and Recreation:

Experience 2: Position:

Supervisor:

Agency:

Town/State:

Estimated # of Hours Worked:

Dates:

Description of Duties, Responsibilities and Skills Acquired which will be relevant to a career in Parks and Recreation:

Experience 3: Position:

Supervisor:

Agency:

Town/State:

Estimated # of Hours Worked:

Dates:

Description of Duties, Responsibilities and Skills Acquired which will be relevant to a career in Parks and Recreation:

Honors, Awards or Scholarships

Please list any honors, awards or scholarships you have received at the college level. Include a brief description of the award including the name of the organization presenting the award and the reason for receiving the award.

Essay Questions

Please state your response to the following questions:

1. "Why did you choose community based public leisure services as your major?"

Your answer shall follow the following presentation format:

- a. Cover page with Title and Applicant Name.
- b. The body of your essay shall be double spaced, typed on one side only and shall be no more than two pages long.

2. "How do you plan to apply the information learned and experienced at your University to obtain your future career goals?"

Your answer shall follow the following presentation format:

- a. Cover page with Title and Applicant Name.
- b. The body of your essay shall be double spaced, typed on one side only and shall be no more than two pages long.