

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS PARK and RECREATION ASSOCIATION

2018/2019 Undergraduate/Graduate Student Scholarship

April 4, 2018

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 "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. In January of 2017 SIPRA rededicated its scholarship program as the "H. George Whitehead Scholarship who passed in March, 2016.

Annually hereafter, once the money has been earmarked and set aside, and whenever a sufficient number of qualified applications have been received, two scholarships of \$1,000.00 each shall be **awarded to undergraduate (juniors/seniors) or graduate students enrolled in a four year university level recreation, sport management, forestry, or outdoor education curriculum.**

Payment of the awards will be made in the summer of 2018.

Eligibility

Student scholarship applicant must:

- Have an academic and professional interest in the area of park, recreation, conservation, therapeutic recreation or other community based leisure services such as park districts, park and recreation departments and special recreation associations.
- Be in attendance or show proof of registration at a four year university-level park, recreation, sport management, forestry, outdoor education, or leisure studies curriculum.
- Have a minimum overall 2.5 out of a 4.0 grade point average for all courses of study.
- Have a minimum 3.25 grade point average out of a 4.0 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

1. Complete the application form using word processing. (no hand written applications)
2. Sign and date the application.
3. Obtain academic advisor signature on application and submit official university transcript with application.
4. **Application must be postmarked by May 15, 2018 and mailed to:**

Student Scholarship Application
Southern Illinois Park and Recreation Association
C/O Michael Haynes
2 Emma Kaus Ln.
Alton, IL 62002

Email: mhaynes@cityofaltonil.com

To receive an electronic copy or if you have any questions, please email:
Michael Haynes, Vice President of SIPRA at mhaynes@cityofaltonil.com

**SIPRA 2018/2019 Otto Rice/George Whitehead
Undergraduate/Graduate Student Scholarship
Applicant Information Form**

Name: _____

Permanent "Home" Address: _____

School Address: _____

Phone: (_____) _____

Email: _____

Academic Information

College or University: _____

Major Area of Study: _____

Current Year in School: (Check One) __Junior __Senior __Graduate

Please list your current "overall" Grade Point Average: _____ on a Scale of: _____

Please list your current "major" Grade Point Average: _____ on a Scale of: _____

Applicant Certification

1. *The information provided in this document is accurate and reflects my educational and work experiences.*
2. *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.*
3. *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*

Applicants Signature: _____ Date: _____

Advisors 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.

Advisors Signature: _____ Date: _____

Applicant Reference Number: _____

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: _____

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: _____

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: _____

Estimated # of Hours Worked: _____ Dates: _____

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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:

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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.

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Agency: _____ Town: _____

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Agency: _____ Town: _____

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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:

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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.

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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 Question

Please state your response to the following questions:

- 1. "Why did you choose the leisure services as your major?"**
- 2. "How do you plan to apply the information learned and experienced at your University to obtain your future career goals?"**

Your answers should follow the following presentation format:

1. Cover page with Title and Applicant Name.
2. The body of your essay shall be double spaced, Times New Roman 12 point font and shall be no more than two pages long.

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