



**California Foundation for Parks & Recreation
Scholarship Committee
2009-2010 Scholarship Awards Program**

The California Foundation for Parks and Recreation works with the Scholarship Committee to coordinate the efforts of professionals in promoting the education of noteworthy students wishing to enter the field of service throughout the state. The Committee consists of twelve members including professionals, educators from the northern and southern regions of the state, a representative from the California Park and Recreation Society Board of Directors, a member of the California Parks & Recreation Commissioners and Board Members, and the Executive Director of California Park and Recreation Society sits as an ex-officio member. These individuals solicit financial support from the profession, establish criteria for the selection of recipients, review and select recipients, and administer the awards at the state conference. The officers of the Scholarship Committee are: Dr. Dana Kivel, Chair; Robin Bettin, Vice Chair; Linda Rahn, Treasurer; and Dr. Nancy Nisbett, Secretary. The remaining committee members include: Jane Adams, Laura Detweiler, Nancy Beard, Audree Jones-Taylor, Neil Freeman, Bob Roessler, and Michelle Lacy.

The Committee annually awards approximately 20 scholarships to junior, senior and graduate level students majoring in recreation, parks, and leisure studies throughout the state of California. Students apply during October; they are selected in December; notified of their awards in January; and are awarded their scholarship at the annual conference in March. Application forms (attached) must be completed by the candidate and submitted prior to the posted deadline date. Award amounts are generally between \$1000 and \$2000. On occasion, an outstanding student has been the recipient of more than one award. Awards are available for student majoring in all aspects of recreation, parks, parks operations, natural resources management, recreation therapy, commercial recreation, tourism, community recreation, recreation/aquatic management, recreational sports management and recreation leadership.

The Committee annually reviews and approves criteria for selection of the recipients. It includes a strong scholastic GPA (2.5 or above), paid and or/volunteer experience in recreation and park agencies, involvement in campus organizations and leadership activities, community and professional organization membership activity (such as CPRS), strong professional and faculty references, and career orientation and objectives. The Committee evaluates each individual applicant on the criteria without regard to gender, age, race, ethnicity, disability, sexual identity, or religious preference. Some scholarships are made available to students based on their racial and/or ethnic backgrounds. The application provides students an opportunity to identify their race and/or ethnicity if they would like to be considered for these scholarships.

To apply, complete the attached application and submit it no later than October 30, 2009. The application form must be used. Any additional pages or material, other than verification of your GPA, will be discarded. Send application to:

Dr. Dana Kivel, Chair CFPR Scholarship Committee
Department of Recreation, Parks, and Tourism Administration
California State University, Sacramento
6000 J Street
Sacramento, CA 95819-6110

1. Education Summary

Grade Point Average

GPA in Major _____ (minimum 3.0 for undergraduate students and 3.5 for graduate students)

Cumulative GPA _____ (minimum 2.5 for undergraduate students and 3.5 for graduate students)

VERIFICATION OF YOUR MAJOR AND CUMULATIVE GPA MUST BE ATTACHED TO THIS APPLICATION.

Please list universities, colleges, community colleges and professional and/or trade schools attended with the most recent school experience listed first.

School	Dates Attended	Units Completed	Major/Degree

2. Professional/Campus Involvement

Are you currently a member of CPRS? _____ Yes Which District? _____
 _____ No

Please list your previous and current involvement with **recreation-based** professional (e.g. CPRS) and/or campus organizations. **PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE YOUR INVOLVEMENT WITH ORGANIZATIONS WHILE IN HIGH SCHOOL.** List may include committees, planning/work on events, serving as an officer, etc.

Organization/Event	What position did you hold? (e.g., member, President, Co-Chair)	Number of Year(s) served	Were you elected, appointed or a voluntary member?
			Elected Appointed Voluntary
			Elected Appointed Voluntary
			Elected Appointed Voluntary
			Elected Appointed Voluntary

3. Paid Work Experience

Please list your paid work experience in the park, recreation and leisure services field with the most recent experience listed first.

Employer Name and Address	Job Title	Length of Employment & Hours per week	Supervisor's Name and Phone Number
Responsibilities:			

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Responsibilities:			

4. Community Service/Volunteer Experience

Please list your most significant community service/volunteer work experience in the park, recreation and leisure services field, with the most recent experience listed first.

Agency Name and Address	Job Title	Length of Service & Hours per week	Supervisor's Name and Phone Number
Responsibilities:			

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5. Essay Question

Please note: The essay is a critical part of this application process. Successful applicants will develop an essay that has the following: a clearly articulated introduction, argument and conclusion that answer the essay question. In developing your essay, **please provide a response within the space provided. Use 10 point font or higher.**

Essay Question: The vision of CPRS is to *create community through people, parks and programs*. In this essay, tell us how you will create community in your future career. To help you develop this essay, go to <http://www.cprs.org/creating-action.htm> for more information about the CPRS vision.

For previous CFPR award winners, your essay should share the work that you have done in the past year to promote the vision of CPRS and the profession.

6. Scholarships and Awards

Please list past scholarships and awards you have received since beginning college.

Scholarship/Award	Year Awarded	Amount Awarded

7. Certification by Student

I certify that all of the statements and information contained in this application are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that false statements of facts may subject me to disqualification. **If selected, I will attempt to attend the Awards Breakfast on Friday, March 12, 2010 in Palm Springs.** (The purpose of the Awards Breakfast is for students to be acknowledged and to meet the sponsors of the scholarships. We regret that you will be unable to bring a family member or guest. You will, however, receive a photo of the event to take away with you to share with family and friends.)

By signing, you acknowledge that you are aware that Associated Students (ASI) on your CSU campus might make funding available for travel to the conference in March. You also agree that if, because of financial hardship you may not be able to attend the conference, you will contact your faculty advisor and ask him/her to contact the CFPR Scholarship Committee Chair (Dr. Dana Kivel) immediately to see if any assistance is available.

Name: _____

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Some scholarships are made available to students from various racial/ethnic backgrounds. If you would like to be considered for one of these scholarships, please provide your racial/ethnic background.

Deadline: This completed application, including recommendation forms and verification of your major and cumulative GPA, must be postmarked by October 30, 2009.

Mail the application and GPA verification to:

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CFPR Scholarship Committee
Department of Recreation, Parks, and Tourism
Administration
California State University, Sacramento
6000 J Street
Sacramento, CA 95819-6110

Email a digital photograph to:

bkivel@csus.edu

FACULTY RECOMMENDATION FORM—EDUCATIONAL COMPETENCIES

Please ask one of your Department Faculty to complete this form and submit with your application

To what extent does the individual demonstrate these competencies (Please circle the answer that best describes the applicant and list the point value to the right of each response):

	5	4	3	2	1	0	Points
Leadership	Excellent	Good	Fair	Average	Poor	Don't know	_____
Academic Interest and Motivation	Excellent	Good	Fair	Average	Poor	Don't know	_____
Communication Skills							
Oral	Excellent	Good	Fair	Average	Poor	Don't know	_____
Written	Excellent	Good	Fair	Average	Poor	Don't know	_____
Team Work	Excellent	Good	Fair	Average	Poor	Don't know	_____
Advocacy for Profession	Excellent	Good	Fair	Average	Poor	Don't know	_____
Academic Integrity	Excellent	Good	Fair	Average	Poor	Don't know	_____
Problem-Solving Ability	Excellent	Good	Fair	Average	Poor	Don't know	_____
Advocate for Diversity	Excellent	Good	Fair	Average	Poor	Don't know	_____
Works Well with Diverse Groups	Excellent	Good	Fair	Average	Poor	Don't know	_____
Knowledgeable about Key Issues that Affect the Field	Excellent	Good	Fair	Average	Poor	Don't know	_____
Critical Thinker	Excellent	Good	Fair	Average	Poor	Don't know	_____
						Point Total	_____

Applicant Name: _____

Please provide us with the following information:

Name: _____ **Phone #:** _____

Title: _____ **University:** _____

Signature: _____ **E-mail:** _____

PROFESSIONAL RECOMMENDATION FORM
Professional Competencies in a Paid or Volunteer Position

Please ask a former or current supervisor to complete this form and submit it with your application

To what extent does the individual demonstrate these competencies (Please circle the answer that best describes the applicant and list the point value to the right of each response):

	5	4	3	2	1	0	Points
Leadership	Excellent	Good	Fair	Average	Poor	Don't know	_____
Academic Interest and Motivation	Excellent	Good	Fair	Average	Poor	Don't know	_____
Communication Skills							
Oral	Excellent	Good	Fair	Average	Poor	Don't know	_____
Written	Excellent	Good	Fair	Average	Poor	Don't know	_____
Team Work	Excellent	Good	Fair	Average	Poor	Don't know	_____
Advocacy for Profession	Excellent	Good	Fair	Average	Poor	Don't know	_____
Academic Integrity	Excellent	Good	Fair	Average	Poor	Don't know	_____
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Critical Thinker	Excellent	Good	Fair	Average	Poor	Don't know	_____
						Point Total	_____

8. How does this student compare to other student/employees you have had in the past?

_____ one of the most outstanding I have known _____ one of the best _____ a very good one
 _____ does an average job _____ I would not recommend the student

Applicant Name: _____

Please provide us with the following information:

Name: _____ **Phone #:** _____

Title: _____ **Agency:** _____

Signature: _____ **E-mail:** _____