



Scholarship Application Undergraduate and Graduate

Scholarships, undergraduate and graduate, are awarded to outstanding students preparing for a career in the park and recreation profession. The scholarships are a **\$1,000** cash award. In addition to the cash award, the Institute provides registration, lodging and meals for the award recipient(s) to attend the Southwest Park and Recreation Training Institute held at Sequoyah State Park in Oklahoma on Ft Gibson Lake.

Application Period: Application must be digitally submitted by **November 15th, 2017**.

Scholarship Award Decision: Recipients will be notified of award by December 15th, 2017.

Eligibility: Applicants should be a sophomore, junior, senior or graduate student at a university or college in the Southwest Region (Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Arkansas, Missouri, Kansas, Colorado, New Mexico) with a major in a Parks and Recreation related degree program. Must have a minimum of 2.0 GPA on a 4.0 system or a 2.5 GPA within the students major through the most recent completed semester. Applicants should demonstrate a high degree of professional competence through extra-curricular activities. Award recipients will be **required to attend** the SWPR Training Institute held Monday February 5th through Wednesday February 7th, 2018.

Application Checklist:

- Cover Letter with Resume
- Reference List and Letters of Reference
- Transcripts

Cover Letter:

Describe your decision to pursue an education in one of the following degree programs and how your career may impact the parks and recreation profession.

- Park Administration
- Recreation and Park Management
- Health and Recreation
- Park Planning
- *Or your related degree program with an explanation of how you feel it coincides with the goals and mission of SWPRTI.*
- Horticulture
- Natural Resources
- Wildlife Management
- Landscape Architecture

Resume:

Highlight relevant work experience, education, major college activities, recognition's, publications, memberships in professional organizations, conferences attended, training, research, etc.

References:

Include a list of at least three character references; *Reference's name, title/position and contact information*. Two of these persons may be authors of your letters of reference.

Letters of Reference:

Include two (2) typed letters of references addressing your qualification for this scholarship. These letters should address your commitment to the parks and recreation field, your achievements as a student, special projects, volunteer work, your work history, and your future interest as a professional. Graduate students can include information on research projects and thesis or dissertation topic.

Transcripts:

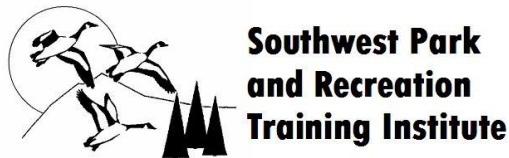
Include a copy of your transcripts (unofficial, advising copy, or sealed official documents) showing work and grades and a listing of courses in which you are currently enrolled.

Application Submittal: ***digital submission only***

Send your signed application along with required supporting documents by the application deadline to:
SWPRTI Scholarship Committee Chair

Bruce Divis bruce.divis@travelok.com
580/592-4888

For more information on the Institute and its objectives in fostering, supporting, and promoting professionalism in the parks and recreation industry, please visit our website at SWPRTI.org



I certify the information given herein is true and correct and may be used by the Southwest Park and Recreation Training Institute Scholarship Committee.

Signature of Applicant

Date