

2020 YPN SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION



Available to IPRA members in good standing after completing at least one year of full-time equivalent service in the Parks and Recreation profession within the state of Iowa. The Young Professionals Network is for all IPRA members 35 years of age and younger. Scholarship must be used to cover the direct expenses up to \$500 for the CPRP exam and study materials. Please refer to accompanying documents with the NRPA eligibility details.

To be completed by applicant (please type or print legibly)

Name: _____ Position Title: _____

Agency Name: _____

Years of full-time experience: _____ current position _____ overall

Work address: _____
Street City State Zip Code

Cell Phone () _____ Email: _____

Please answer the below questions:

I would like to attain my CPRP because

- _____ My agency is requiring it.
- _____ Personal professional advancement.
- _____ I have taken the CPRP exam before

Total of YPN Luncheons attended: _____

Total of YPN Socials attended: _____

Total years in Parks & Rec: _____

Below are the NRPA eligibility details. Please mark which category qualifies you to take the CPRP exam:

- Have received, or are set to receive, a bachelor's degree from a program accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Parks, Recreation, Tourism and Related Professions (COAPRT) **OR**
- Have a bachelor's degree or higher from any institution in recreation, park resources, or leisure services, and have no less than 1 year of full-time experience in the field **OR**
- Have a bachelor's degree or higher in a major other than recreation, park resources, or leisure services, and have no less than 3 years of full-time experience in the field **OR**
- Have an associate degree and have 4 years of full-time experience in the field **OR**
- Have a high school degree or equivalent and have 5 years of full-time experience in the field.

On a separate sheet of paper, discuss the following:

(maximum of one page, please)

- Professional work experience
- Aspiration in the recreation and/or parks profession
- How the certification will be of benefit to self, agency and profession.
- Involvement in the Young Professionals Network & IPRA

Judging criteria:

- Current IPRA membership
- Explanation of financial assistance
- Professional development attendance
- Funding must be used within a 12 month period of time

The winner of the 2020 YPN Scholarship must be willing to maintain their certification. Two CEU's are required every two years by NRPA. Two CEUs are equivalent to 20 hours of educational sessions. These are attained by attending conferences, fall workshops, regional rendezvous and more. By signing the below, you meet all IPRA and NRPA qualifications to take the exam and will maintain your certification once obtained.

Applicant's signature: _____

Date: _____

Supervisor's signature: _____

Date: _____

Application form and accompanying documents must be submitted together. Materials need to be received no later than March 15, 2020. Electronic submission is required. Recipient will be announced during the 2020 Conference banquet and awarded up to \$500. Scholarship must be used to cover the direct expenses for the CPRP exam and study materials.

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