

# 2019 Young Professional Fellowship

## Introduction

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The fellowship provides selected young professionals (up to 4) with the opportunity to explore the operation of NRPA and its governing bodies at the 2019 NRPA Annual Conference. Participants will meet with NRPA leadership, and will attend various conference sessions and meetings with their assigned mentor. A primary focus of the program is to inspire future participation and leadership in the National Recreation and Park Association and to develop professional contacts with NRPA professionals from around the nation. Registration for the Conference will be complimentary for recipients, a travel stipend will be provided, and hotel expenses will be reimbursed.

**Deadline for application submission is March 29, 2019**

#### Eligibility Criteria:

- Current NRPA member
- Currently employed in parks and recreation
- Two or more years of experience in the field, but not to exceed ten years
- 35 years or younger at time of the conference
- Must attend the 2019 NRPA Annual Conference in Baltimore, MD, September 24-26, 2019
- May only apply for one fellowship or one scholarship per year
- Prior Young Professional Fellowship or Diversity Scholarship recipients are not eligible

#### Application Materials:

- Applications must be accompanied by the following:
  - A resume including work, education and volunteer experiences
  - Two letters of reference from individuals familiar with your job performance
  - Answers to the questions provided below

#### Application Instructions:

- **All applications must be received by NRPA no later than 11:59 p.m. EST on March 29, 2019.**
- Applicant may only use this official application form.
- All materials must be submitted electronically in either Microsoft Word or Adobe PDF format.
- Application is automatically disqualified if it does not meet criteria or submission instructions.
- This format has a save and continue feature that is located at the bottom of the question pages.

For more information, contact the NRPA Awards Program at (703) 858-2196 or [awards@nrpa.org](mailto:awards@nrpa.org).

## Applicant Information

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First Name \*

Middle Initial \*

Last Name \*

Agency/Organization \*

Email Address \*

Phone Number \*

Address \*

City / State / Zip \*

NRPA Membership Number \*

Please check any certifications

☐ CPRE

☐ CPRP

☐ CPSI

☐ AFO

☐ Other

In order to enhance your fellowship experience with a mentor that closely aligns with your interest, please choose one of the following interest areas:

- ☐ Administrators
- ☐ Armed Forces Recreation
- ☐ Aquatics
- ☐ Education (post-baccalaureate)
- ☐ Inclusion and Accessibility
- ☐ Park and Conservation

## Essay Questions

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*Please provide answers to the questions below (maximum 250 words per question):*

1. Describe specific ways attending the NRPA Annual Conference will benefit your professional development. *(250 word maximum)* \*

2. Describe your passion for the park and recreation field. Please include examples illustrating your initiative, ambition, and commitment in your park and recreation career. *(250 word maximum)* \*

3. How will receiving the Young Professional Fellowship assist your career goals? *(250 word maximum)* \*

4. Describe any special honors, awards, recognition you have received or leadership roles you have held. *(250 word maximum)* \*

**Attached Documents**

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Please attach a resume including work, education, and volunteer experiences. *(1MB maximum)* \*

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Please attach two letters of references from individuals familiar with your job performance. *(1MB per file maximum)* \*

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