



### **Scholarship – Michael A. Ramnes**

The Arizona Parks & Recreation Fellowship (APRF) and the Arizona Parks & Recreation Association (APRA) annually awards the Michael A. Ramnes Professional Scholarship to parks and recreation professionals working in parks, recreation, natural resources, tourism or related field throughout Arizona. *This scholarship is to offset expenses for attendance at a National Recreation & Parks Association (NRPA) Conference or Management School not reimbursed by an employer, organization or other source.*

Michael A. Ramnes, former Director of Arizona State Parks and a past President of the Arizona Parks and Recreation Association, was dedicated to enhancing the professional development of individuals in parks, recreation, natural resources, tourism or related field.

Scholarship winners will be awarded up to a \$750 scholarship, and recognized through APRF/APRA print and e-media as well as the Annual Arizona Parks and Recreation Association Conference and Trade Show.

#### **Scholarships are evaluated on the following criteria:**

- Completed applicant information form
- Purpose statement
- Professional resume (2 pages maximum)
- Letter of professional support from current supervisor
- Preference given for members that have served a minimum of 12 hours towards APRF/APRA programs/events within the last 12 months

#### **General Guidelines:**

- Must be a full-time parks and recreation professional
- Demonstrate evidence of work in the parks and recreation profession
- Attendance of a NRPA Conference or Management School.
- Have the respect of his/her peers

#### **Application Procedures:**

- Email completed application to the APRF Scholarship Committee at [scholarships@aprf.org](mailto:scholarships@aprf.org)
- All requested information must be submitted with the application
- If you have any questions regarding the application, email the APRF Scholarship Committee at [scholarships@aprf.org](mailto:scholarships@aprf.org)

#### **Certification Review Timeline**

- Applications submitted January – May; review begins June 1
- Applications submitted June – August; review begins September 1
- Applications submitted September – December; review begins January 1

*Applicants will be notified by the end of the month following each review date. There is limited funding available. Once the funding threshold has been met, no additional scholarships will be awarded for that year.*

**Applicant Information**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Name of parks and recreation organization \_\_\_\_\_

Position Title \_\_\_\_\_

Name of current supervisor \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

*Check all certifications that are applicable*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> CPRP: Certified Parks & Recreation Professional   | <input type="checkbox"/> CPO: Certified Pool Operator       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CPRE: Certified Parks & Recreation Executive      | <input type="checkbox"/> AFO: Aquatic Facilities Operator   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CPSI: Certified Playground Safety Inspector       | <input type="checkbox"/> LGI: Lifeguard Instructor Training |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CTRS: Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist | <input type="checkbox"/> WSI: Water Safety Instructor       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CYSA: Certified Youth Sports Administrator        |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____                                      |   |

*Check all memberships that are applicable*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> APRA: Arizona Parks & Recreation Association       | <input type="checkbox"/> WWA: World Water Park Association        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NRPA: National Recreation & Parks Association      | <input type="checkbox"/> USTA: United States Tennis Association   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> IFEA: International Festivals & Events Association | <input type="checkbox"/> ITF: International Tennis Federation     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AOAP: Association of Aquatic Professionals         | <input type="checkbox"/> NAYS: National Alliance for Youth Sports |
| <input type="checkbox"/> APWA: American Public Works Association            |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____                                       |   |

Number of service hours towards APRF/APRA programs/events in the last 12 months \_\_\_\_\_

Please list APRF/APRA programs/events

**Certification by applicant**

I certify that the information contained in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that false statements of facts may subject me to disqualification.

By checking this box and typing my name below, I am electronically signing my application.

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**NRPA Conference or Management School Information**

Name of Conference/Management School \_\_\_\_\_

Location (City/State) \_\_\_\_\_ Date(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**Purpose Statement**

In 500 words or less, describe the purpose of this professional development proposal within the context of your professional goals and achievements. Discuss the specific nature of the program you propose to attend and indicate what outcomes and benefits you expect to achieve.

**Purpose Statement** (500 words or less)

**Professional Resume**

Include your professional purpose summary, experience, education, professional development, volunteerism, certifications, awards and achievements in two pages maximum.

**Required application information checklist:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Completed and signed applicant information form        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Purpose statement                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Professional resume (2 pages maximum)                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Letter of professional support from current supervisor |