

Criteria for NRPA National Congress Professional Fellowship

2010 National Congress: Minneapolis, Minnesota; October 26-29

Criteria:

- Current IPRA professional member.
- Minimum of at least two years professional membership with IPRA.
- Currently employed in parks and recreation with two or more years of experience in the field.
- Has not previously attended the NRPA National Congress or has not attended for a minimum of seven years (preference will be given to individuals who have not attended).
- Supports the current or past efforts of IPRA by serving on a committee as either member and/or chair, has volunteered at IPRA events, and/or served on the board of directors.
- Attended past IPRA Spring Conferences and/or Fall Workshops.

Program/Fellowship Requirements:

- Submit required application and supplemental materials by the application deadline (March 1, 2010)
- Recipients will be asked to turn in CEU forms to show they attended sessions.
- Recipients will be asked to write a brief article for the IPRA newsletter highlighting their experience due within 30 days of returning from National Congress.
- The fellowship recipient will be assigned a mentor to interact with during the NRPA National Congress (current IPRA President or President designee).
- The selected individual may be asked to attend selected NRPA Governance meetings.

Application Requirements:

- Completed application.
- Current resume`.
- A one page typed sheet of paper explaining why the applicant is applying for the fellowship, how it would benefit the applicant and/or applicant's agency, and why the applicant has not or cannot budget for the NRPA National Congress.
- One letter of reference from the applicant's supervisor.

Selection:

- All applications will be reviewed by two (2) members each from the IPRA Executive Committee and Iowa Foundation for Parks and Recreation.
- The fellowship scholarship will be awarded to the candidate that demonstrates the most need for the fellowship and would best represent IPRA, the Iowa Foundation for Parks and Recreation at the NRPA National Congress.

The Fellowship is valued at no more than \$1500. The balance of the fellowship must be covered by the recipient and/or their agency.

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