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OPRA FOUNDATION ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAY 12, 2017 FOR 2017-2018 YEAR

Ohio Parks and Recreation Association Foundation annually awards scholarships to students majoring in recreation, parks and leisure studies throughout Ohio.

The scholarships are broken into three categories:

- The *Don Schmidt Scholarship* for students majoring in parks/law enforcement;
- The *Jody Stowers Scholarship* for students in parks and recreation that exemplify the future of our profession.
- The *John McComb Scholarship* for students majoring in all aspects of recreation (park operations, natural resource management, therapeutic recreation, commercial recreation, outdoor recreation, tourism, community recreation, recreation management, aquatic management, non-profit recreation management, sports management and leisure studies).

These scholarships are evaluated based on three criteria: (1) Resume (2) Essay (3) Professional References (regarding performance and potential).

GENERAL GUIDELINES:

- Must have a declared major in a relevant degree program at a college or university in Ohio; and/or the applicant must be a resident of Ohio.
- Must have completed or be enrolled in courses that add up to a minimum of 30 credit hours and at least 12 credit hours in their major (Grad Students must have at least 9 credit hours in their major). **Students must have a 3.0 GPA in their major and an overall, cumulative GPA of 2.5.**

Application Procedures

- Completed applications are to be emailed to foundation@opraonline.org by May 12, 2017.
- Make sure to attach your essay, resume, and list of three professional references with the application.
- If you have any questions regarding your application, please contact Ohio Parks and Recreation Association Staff at (614) 895-2222 or foundation@opraonline.org.

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Applicant Information

Name_____ Phone_____

Email Address _____

Address_____ City_____ State_____ Zip_____

Permanent Address (if different)_____

Name of University_____

Faculty Advisor_____ Phone_____

Major_____

Total GPA_____ GPA in Major_____

Total Credit Hours_____ Credit Hours in Major_____

I am a(n): □ Undergraduate □ Graduate Student

OPRA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP YOU ARE APPLYING FOR (select all that apply):

□ Don Schmidt (Parks/Law Enforcement) □ Jody Stowers (Rising Student)

□ John McComb (General Parks and Recreation)

Essay Question

The objective of the Ohio Parks and Recreation Association Foundation is to promote the development of parks, recreation and leisure services in the State of Ohio by helping to lessen the burden of government by providing fiscal assistance for the acquisition, development and rehabilitation of Ohio's recreation and park resources. In this essay, tell us how you plan to contribute to the promotion of parks, recreation and leisure services in your future career. To help you develop this essay, go to www.opraonline.org for more information about OPRA's vision for the future. Please have a clearly articulated introduction, argument and conclusion to answer the essay question.

In developing your essay, please provide a response using 10 point font or higher, maximum one page for essay completion. Please attach essay to application.

Certification by Student

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

Print Name: _____

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____