

FLORIDA INSTITUTE OF PARK PERSONNEL

Parks and Recreation Maintenance Management School Scholarship

The Florida Institute of Park Personnel (FIPP) Scholarship for the Maintenance Management School (MMS) was created in 2011 by the FIPP Executive Board in cooperation with the North Carolina State University (NCSU) and the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA). It was one of the last acts of the Institute as it closed after nearly 60 years of serving the interests of the men and women who care for the park lands throughout the State of Florida. Article XI.3 of the Institute's Constitution states, "Upon the dissolution of the Institute, the Executive Board shall...dispose of all of the assets of the Institute in a manner consistent with the purpose of the Institute, to an organization or organizations which will continue to operate exclusively with the same high purposes and objectives." The Executive Board decided that the MMS would serve this need in a unique way through the education of hundreds of park professionals each year who could continue the goals of FIPP into the future. A scholarship would help individuals who are in need of funds to further themselves in the parks and recreation profession, thus continuing FIPP goals.

Criteria

1. The applicant must be currently employed by a publicly funded parks & recreation organization that is based in Florida and serves residents of the State of Florida. This includes city, county, state, tribal, special taxing district and military morale, welfare and recreation people working within the State of Florida.
2. The applicant must be a US citizen or a legal, permanent resident of the United States of America.
3. The applicant must have a minimum of three years of work experience in a parks and recreation related field.
4. The application shall be submitted between July 1st and October 15th of the year prior to the year the school will be held. (E.g. by October 1st, 2023 for the School to be held in January, 2024.) Applications received after this date will not be considered. Electronic submissions are encouraged.

Scholarship

An award of financial assistance from this fund may be used for expenses related to the MMS.

This scholarship will expire upon the exhaustion of the current fund balance.

An award of financial assistance shall be in the amount of the current fees the School charges for tuition.

Process

The Scholarship Committee of the Board of Regents of the MMS will review all applications and award scholarships each year based on the above criteria. Scholarship recipients will be notified in writing.

Financial assistance from this fund shall be applied toward the first or second year tuition/lodging package as a grant to be used at the time of registration. If the scholarship is not used in the year in which it was awarded for, the person will lose the grant and must reapply to be considered again.

Registration to the MMS is done on a first come, first served basis and registration will be closed once the maximum number of registrants has been reached. Should you be offered a Scholarship, we urge you to register as soon as possible so you do not miss this opportunity.

Applications

There is no official form to complete for the FIPP Scholarship. Applicants will be expected to submit the required information in a typed or legibly written format. Illegible or incomplete applications will not be considered. Electronic submissions are encouraged.

Applicants must submit a letter requesting financial assistance to the MMS Board of Regents that includes the following:

1. Name, address, telephone numbers and e-mail address of the applicant.
2. Letter of recommendation from the applicant's supervisor or employer, or three letters of reference from individuals familiar with the applicant's career.
3. A brief resume that includes education, current and past employers with employment dates, titles and brief descriptions of duties.
4. A statement of career/educational goals and objectives along with a description of how the MMS will help achieve the applicant's career/educational goals and objectives. (one typed page or less)
5. The year the applicant will be using the scholarship to attend.

Scholarship applications can be submitted to;

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