

2017-2018 Georgia Recreational Sports Association (GRSA) NIRSA National Conference Scholarship Program

The Georgia Recreational Sports Association (GRSA) Conference Scholarship Program has been developed to provide one student member and one professional member financial assistance in attending the NIRSA Region II Conference and the NIRSA National Conference. By design, this program gives the state association the opportunity to recognize students who excel in their academic, extracurricular and vocational pursuits; and professionals who serve as positive mentors for students and make significant contributions to the profession.

While these scholarships may be beneficial to students and professionals who are currently active in attending GRSA and NIRSA sponsored conferences and workshops, we hope that such financial assistance may provide others with the opportunity, incentive and means to attend their first national conference. In either case, the intent of this program is to provide students and professionals with opportunities for personal and professional growth through their involvement in the GRSA and NIRSA. For eligibility requirements and application directions, download the full scholarship application below.

Scholarship Eligibility

To be considered for a scholarship award, applicants must meet the following criteria:

Student Members:

1. Be a current member of GRSA (or NIRSA in years where a GRSA workshop is not held)
2. Be currently enrolled as a student in the state of Georgia and be employed by Campus Recreation at their institution.
3. Have a minimum current cumulative grade point average of 3.0 on a scale of 4.0.
4. Submit a letter of support from a professional staff member.
5. Submit a current résumé along with the completed scholarship application.
- 6. For NIRSA Region II Conference:**
 - a. Application, résumé, and letter of recommendation must be received by 5 p.m. on **9/11/17**.
- 7. For NIRSA National Conference:**
 - a. Application, résumé, and letter of recommendation must be received by 5 p.m. on **11/6/17**.

Professional Members:

1. Be a member of GRSA (or NIRSA in years where a GRSA workshop is not held)
2. Be currently employed in the state of Georgia as a Campus Recreation professional
3. Submit a letter of support from either a student employee in your Campus Recreation department or a professional colleague
4. Submit a current résumé along with the completed scholarship application
- 5. For NIRSA Region II Conference:**
 - a. Application, résumé, and letter of recommendation must be received by 5 p.m. on **9/1/17**.
- 6. For NIRSA National Conference:**
 - a. Application, résumé, and letter of recommendation must be received by 5 p.m. on **11/6/17**.

All application materials must be submitted to the GRSA Scholarship Committee by e-mail or fax.

E-mail: sean.willett@armstrong.edu

Attn: Sean Willett, Assistant Director of Intramural and Sport Clubs

Phone: (912) 344-3295

Selection Criteria

1. Candidates must meet all eligibility requirements to be considered for selection.
2. Candidates and their submitted materials (resume, application, and letter of recommendation) will be rated on the following:
 - a. Academic performance (for students)
 - b. Leadership and involvement in the field of recreational sports
 - c. Involvement with local, campus and academic organizations and activities

Selection Committee

The Scholarship Committee will consist of at least three professional members of GRSA, appointed by the GRSA State Director. The State Director will act as an ex-officio member, voting only to break any ties that occur during the selection process.

Successful candidates will be notified via email on **9/13/17** for the NIRSA Region II Conference & **12/4/17** for the NIRSA National Conference.

Execution of Awards

The number and amount of awards offered annually may vary, determined by the financial state of the scholarship fund. Decisions will be left to the discretion of the Scholarship Committee, along with the GRSA Executive Board. Recipients may only use the award to cover registration fees to their selected conference (NIRSA Region II or NIRSA National). All attempts will be made to transfer registration fees directly from GRSA to the host organization or school; however in the event that an award recipient has already registered for the conference, the recipient will be reimbursed directly from GRSA as long as the recipient can provide proof of payment for the conference. All awards will be granted at the conference early-bird rate.

Obligations of Recipients

1. NIRSA Region II Conference scholarship recipients must notify the GRSA Treasurer in writing by **9/15/17** to confirm their attendance at the NIRSA Region II Conference.
2. NIRSA National Conference scholarship recipients must notify the GRSA Treasurer in writing by **12/1/17** to confirm their attendance NIRSA National Conference.
2. After providing the GRSA with proof of registration, GRSA will send a check to the host organization or school for the early-bird registration rate.
3. Recipients are expected to attend the Georgia State Member Meeting at the NIRSA Region II (if receiving the NIRSA Region II Conference scholarship) or NIRSA National Conference (if receiving the NIRSA National Conference scholarship) to be recognized. Recipients who are unable to attend should contact the GRSA Executive Board Director to provide notification of their absence.
4. Recipients may be asked to provide an evaluation of the scholarship process.

GRSA-NIRSA CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Type or print clearly and attach all required materials.

Name: _____ E-mail: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ ZIP: _____

Home/Cell Telephone: _____ Work Telephone: _____

University or Institution: _____

Classification: Student Professional

Undergraduate Major: _____ Minor: _____

Graduate Degree Program: _____

Accumulative GPA (if student): _____

GPA verified by the Director of Campus Recreation: _____

Director's Signature

I am applying for: NIRSA Region II Scholarship NIRSA National Conference Scholarship

Using 150 words or less per answer, please type your responses to the following questions on a separate page:

1. What is your current level of involvement with Campus Recreation?
2. What benefits do you derive from your involvement with Campus Recreation?
3. What is the single most important thing that you have learned from working in the field of Campus Recreation?
4. How do you think you will benefit by attending the selected conference?

Application Checklist:

- I have enclosed my current résumé.
- I have enclosed one letter of recommendation.
- If the letter of recommendation is not enclosed with my application, it will be sent by (name of individual submitting letter of recommendation on your behalf): _____
- I have enclosed my completed application and typed responses to the essay questions.