

Region II Student Excellence Grant

GENERAL INFORMATION

Purpose

The purpose of this award is to regionally recognize outstanding students who are employed by recreational sports departments on university and college campuses. The award is intended to identify undergraduate and graduate students who "set the standard" or "epitomize leadership" on campuses across the region.

General Eligibility

The award is available for both undergraduate and graduate students with plans to pursue a career in recreational sports. Applicants will not be considered if the individual is a past scholarship recipient, does not hold current NIRSA membership, or they do not meet the application deadline.

Each institution may nominate up to four (4) undergraduate and two (2) graduate students.

Four (4) awards will be available each year. A maximum of two (2) students may be selected per school.

A nomination form, accompanied by a letter of support submitted by a current NIRSA Professional Member and full-time recreational sports professional (highlighting the criteria listed below), should be submitted for each nominee via the online nomination form. The nomination form should address the specific criteria in each category listed for undergraduate or graduate students respectively. The letter of support shall have an overall limit of 400 words, addressing the criteria below. Resumes or transcripts should not be sent. Submission of the online nomination form serves notice that the nominator has verified the overall grade point average of the nominee and that it meets the qualifying criteria.

Selection

The selection committee is comprised of five (5) professional NIRSA Region II members who have received the Horace Moody Award, recognizing professional members who have made contributions to student development by their encouragement, support, and performance. If there are not five (5) former award winners within the region, the Region II Vice President will appoint at-large members at their discretion.

Undergraduate Student Criteria

1. Each nominee must be a full-time undergraduate student on a university/college campus at the time of nomination or may have graduated from a university/college campus within the academic year that the award is being bestowed.
2. Nominees may be studying any curriculum at their institution but must have a minimum overall grade point average of 2.75 on a 4.00 scale or 3.75 on a 5.00 scale.
3. Nominees must be employed by the Department of Recreational Sports.
4. Nominees must be a student member of NIRSA.
5. Nominees must have demonstrated scholarship or professional development through research, honors, self-improvement, continuing education, certifications, presentations, participation in professional organizations (e.g., internships, NIRSA membership, CPR/First Aid).
6. Nominees must have demonstrated involvement in department service through participation in student organizations, employee/campus recreation advisory board representative, committee work, community/campus activity, or leadership in employee training or orientation programs, etc.
7. Nominees must have demonstrated service to the NIRSA through committee work, regional/state workshop host committee, working at extramural events within the state/region, etc.

Graduate Student Criteria

1. Each nominee must be a full-time graduate student on a university/college campus at the time of nomination or may have graduated from a university/college campus within the academic year that the award is being bestowed.
2. Nominees may be studying any curriculum at their institution but must have a minimum overall grade point average of 3.00 on a 4.00 scale or 4.00 on a 5.00 scale.
3. Nominees must be employed by the Department of Recreational Sports.
4. Nominees must be a student member of NIRSA.
5. Nominees must have demonstrated scholarship or professional development through research, honors, self-improvement, continuing education, certifications, presentations, participation in professional organizations (e.g., internships, NIRSA membership, CPR/First Aid).
6. Nominees must have demonstrated involvement in department service through participation in student organizations, employee/campus recreation advisory board representative, committee work, community/campus activity, or leadership in employee training or orientation programs, etc.
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Notification

Scholarship applicants will be notified of the results by February 13, 2012. Questions and inquiries should be directed to the Region II Representative.

Recognition

Each recipient will receive a plaque and \$250.00 scholarship to aid in attending the NIRSA Annual Conference & Recreational Sports Exposition. Each recipient will be contacted by the Committee Chair or the Region II Representative concerning payment.

Award recipients and their institutions are recognized at the NIRSA Annual Conference & Recreational Sports Exposition, during the Regional Business Meeting.

Recipients will be recognized on the NIRSA Region II website.

Timeline

Applications must be received by 5pm Friday, February 3, 2012.