

Michigan Intramural-Recreational Sports Association 2009-2010 Student Scholarship Program

This program has been developed to provide students attending in-state institutions financial assistance in attending state, regional, and national workshops and conferences. This program provides the state association opportunities to offer recognition to those students who excel in their academic and vocational pursuits.

While these grants may be beneficial to students who are currently active in attending MIRSA and NIRSA sponsored conferences and workshops, it is hoped that such financial assistance may provide others with the opportunity, incentive and means to attend their first conference.

In either case the intent of this program is to provide students with opportunities for personal and professional growth through their involvement in the MIRSA and NIRSA organizations.

Scholarship Eligibility

To be considered for scholarship awards during the 2009-2010 academic year, those applying must meet the following criteria.

- Be currently pursuing a degree in recreation or closely related field, be employed on campus by recreational services, or be participating in a campus recreation program.
- Have a current grade point average of 3.0 on a scale of 4.0 (Conversion should be calculated prior to applying for those on a 5.0 scale. Transfers from or those attending community colleges may use the most recent term GPA from that institution for consideration.)
- Submit resume, a copy on an unofficial transcript and MIRSA Student Scholarship application electronically.

DEADLINES for Applications

October 9, 2009 to be considered for the following workshop:

- MIRSA State Workshop (Allendale, MI October 22-23, 2009)

December 4, 2009 to be considered for the following conferences/workshops:

- Student Lead On (Detroit, MI January, 2010)
- Emerging Recreational Sports Leaders Conference (Tallahassee, FL February, 2010)
- Midwest Fit Fest (February, 2010)

February 5, 2010 to be considered for the Following conference:

- NIRSA Annual Conference and Expo (Anaheim, CA April, 2010)

Selection Criteria

- Must meet all eligibility requirements to be considered for selection.
- Candidates will be rated equally on *academic performance, **demonstrated leadership in the field of recreational sports, ***involvement in the field of recreational sports.
- Candidates will also be asked to provide brief narratives on personal qualities, reasons for attending or involvement in a particular workshop or conference, and why he/she should be considered for selection. *Based on GPA, academic honors and awards ** involvement in MIRSA, NIRSA, university organizations and committees ***quality and quantity of involvement within the field.

Selection Committee

The selection committee, in the academic year 2009-2010, will consist of current members of the MIRSA Scholarship Committee. The Scholarship Committee in the future will continue to select recipients but will consist of professional members of the MIRSA appointed by the MIRSA State Director. The State Director will act as an ex officio member, voting only to break any ties that occur during the selection process.

Number, Dollar Amount, and Use of Awards

The number and amount of awards offered annually may vary and is determined by the financial state of the scholarship fund. Decisions will be left to the discretion of the Scholarship Committee. A minimum of two scholarships will be awarded per workshop/conference. Undergraduate and Graduate applications will be compared within their respective category.

Students may use the award to attend any number of MIRSA or NIRSA conferences and workshops.

Those included at this time are:

- NIRSA Annual Conference and Recreational Sports Exposition
- MIRSA State Workshop
- Region III Student Lead On
- Emerging Recreational Sports Leaders Conference
- NIRSA sponsored symposiums/institutes
- National School of Recreational Sports Management

Applicants are limited to receiving (1) MIRSA scholarship award within a two year period.

Obligations of Recipients

- All applications must be submitted electronically.
- Recipients must attend the workshop/conference or forfeit their scholarship.
- Recipients must notify the Chair of the Scholarship Committee no later than two weeks after the award has been given of their commitment to attend the workshop or conference. This notification must be in writing; an email correspondence is acceptable.
- MIRSA will provide payment for the early bird registration for the workshop or conference. All paperwork and registration forms must be turned into the MIRSA Scholarship Committee Chair a minimum of 2 weeks prior to the early bird deadline in order for the payment to be completed.
- Recipients are required to serve in a volunteer capacity a minimum of two hours while attending the workshop or conference of their choice. Examples include: work the registration tables, help at a social, or monitor a session.
- Recipients may be requested to assist in the evaluation of the scholarship process.

MIRSA Scholarship Committee

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