

MRPA



History

Minnesota Recreation and Park Association (MRPA) was formed in 1937 to foster the growth and development of the parks and recreation profession throughout the state. Presently, we have nearly 900 professional, corporate, agency, board/commission, student, and retiree members throughout the state.

Who is MRPA?

The purpose of Minnesota Recreation and Park Association, through its members, is to improve the quality of life in Minnesota by providing excellent park and recreation services. We create and support opportunities for all Minnesotans to live a healthy lifestyle through participation in physical activity, as well as to learn and grow as they experience the cultural and natural diversity of Minnesota's parks and recreation facilities.

Questions?

Call 763.571.1305 x100



Minnesota Recreation and Park Association

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Student
Membership
Opportunities

mnrpa.org

Membership Benefits



Student Members are full-time undergraduate or graduate students pursuing a degree in recreation, leisure services, or related fields at any university, community college or vocational school.

- **Job Postings** — Members receive job postings and internship/volunteer announcements via MRPA's email system.
 - **Connect with Professionals** — MRPA professionals would like to mentor student members. This is a great opportunity for students to build a relationship with a park and recreation professional.
 - **Sponsor a Student Luncheons** — An MRPA professional will invite you to join him/her at the annual conference and *pay* for your lunch.
 - **Education and Training** — MRPA hosts workshops and conferences that are the leading sources of quality educational opportunities in the parks and recreation field. MRPA's Annual Conference and Exhibit Hall is held each autumn.
 - **Communication** — Members receive *Member Connection*, MRPA's quarterly newsletter. Informational updates are emailed to the student membership.
 - **Member Discounts** — Members receive reduced rates for educational training, conferences, and workshops. Student member rates are 50% reduced from member fee.
 - **Resources** — Members gain access to the online membership directory, vendor guide, and resource library.
- **Scholarship Opportunities** — Available through Minnesota Recreation and Park Foundation.
 - **Section and Committee Involvement** — Members have the opportunity to become more involved in sections' special interest areas:
 - **administrative:** individuals whose area of interest is directing, planning, developing, and administering parks and recreational services
 - **aquatics:** individuals directing, programming, or operating aquatic facilities
 - **community facility:** individuals involved with the development, operation, and management of community/recreation centers and facilities
 - **community recreation services:** individuals who address community-based issues in non-traditional, culturally diverse and economically challenged populations in urban, suburban and rural communities
 - **enforcement:** individuals who are park rangers or work in enforcement
 - **parks and natural resources:** individuals whose area of interest is planning for and managing parks, natural resource recreational areas, and recreational facilities
 - **programming:** individuals who supervise and develop recreational programs and activities
 - **therapeutic recreation:** recreation professionals who serve people with disabilities and/or diverse populations by offering leisure education and recreation participation opportunities

Visit mnrpa.org for more information.

Membership Application



Name: _____

Year/Program: _____

School: _____

Adviser: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Tel: _____

Email: _____

Student Membership Rate: \$10

Enroll Me in the Following Sections

Visit our website—mnrpa.org—to learn more about each section. Enrollment into a section allows those members to receive meeting and information notices that will be emailed to you.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative | <input type="checkbox"/> Enforcement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aquatics | <input type="checkbox"/> Parks and Natural Resources |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Facility | <input type="checkbox"/> Programming |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Recreation Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Therapeutic Recreation |

Are you interested in connecting with a professional? yes _____ no _____

What is your area of emphasis? _____

How did you hear about MRPA? _____

For Office Use Only

Check #: _____ Amount: _____

Date: ____ / ____ / ____

