

Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association 2023 Future Leaders Scholarship Program

The Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association (SPRA) is committed to supporting the next generation of recreation and parks leaders, and are focused on growing diversity, perspective, and contributions in the industry.

The SPRA Future Leaders Scholarship will support a diverse group of talented Saskatchewan youth to thrive academically and professionally. We believe everyone has a right to education, and we are committed to providing those experiencing barriers to education the opportunity to apply for scholarship funding to advance their education/training in the field of recreation and parks.

Concept/Intent:

1. To provide post-secondary funding for youth (ages 18–30) experiencing barriers to educational attainment.
2. To support the training of youth as professionals that will advance parks and recreation priorities in Saskatchewan.
3. To ensure the recreation industry remains a relevant and attractive employment option.
4. Highlight the successes of a diverse group of future parks and recreation leaders.

Scholarship Amount:

Up to \$3,000 per approved Application.

Deadline:

Friday, March 31, 2023, at 5 p.m.

Submissions:

Can be emailed to Kristin Bialobzyski, Consultant - Inclusion and Access at scholarship@spra.sk.ca, with a subject line of **2023 SPRA Future Leaders Scholarship Application**.

Eligibility:

Submissions will only be considered if the following criteria are met. The applicant must be:

- A resident of Saskatchewan.
- Between the ages of 18 and 30 as of December 31, 2023.
- Enrolled in full-time or part-time post-secondary studies through a [recognized or registered Canadian educational institution](#) in 2023, with a program focus on any of the following: recreation, community development, active living, tourism, horticulture, or recreation facility management.
- A Canadian citizen, permanent resident or a protected person as defined by the [Immigration and Refugee Protection Act](#).
- Have a current Social Insurance Number (SIN).



SPRA will prioritize the Application of youth who experience barriers to education or employment. These include, but are not limited to, those who self-identify as:

- Black
- Indigenous
- Person of colour
- LGBTQ2S+
- Women
- Person living with a disability (visible or invisible)
- Living in a low-income household
- Living with family care responsibilities
- Living with low levels of literacy and/or numeracy
- Residing in a rural or remote geographical location
- A protected person as defined by the [Immigration and Refugee Protection Act](#)

Submission Requirements:

1. Submit a complete Application Form.
2. Submit interview questions.
3. Submit proof of enrollment.
4. Recent photograph(s) (encouraged, but not required).

Note - By submitting this Application Form, applicants agree to provide SPRA approval to use content of successful submissions, in whole or in part, on SPRA communication platforms.

Selection of Recipients:

Following the deadline, a committee will review and consider all submitted Applications. Approved applicants will be notified of their success by April 30, 2023.

Note: The successful applicants will be requested and required to provide their SIN for taxation purposes.

If you have any questions or concerns, contact:

Kristin Bialobzyski, Consultant – Inclusion and Access at scholarship@spra.sk.ca, or by phone at 1-800-563-2555.

Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association 2023 Future Leaders Scholarship Application Form

Contact Information

Applicant Name:

Current Address:

Town/City:

Postal Code:

Phone:

Permanent Address (if different from above):

Self-Identification (Optional)

Check any barriers to education that you experience:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Black | <input type="checkbox"/> Living with low levels of literacy and/or numeracy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Indigenous | <input type="checkbox"/> Residing in a rural or remote geographical location |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Person of colour | <input type="checkbox"/> A protected person as defined by the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LGBTQ2S+ | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Women | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Person living with a disability (visible or invisible) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Living in a low-income household | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Living with family care responsibilities | |

Educational History

Secondary

High school (or equivalent) attended:

Town/City:

Month and year graduated:

Post-Secondary

Identify any Post-Secondary programs you have completed, partially completed, or are enrolled to begin in the Spring, Summer or Fall 2023 semesters.

Program	Institution	Years	Anticipated Completion Date

Providing proof of enrollment in the current Winter 2023 Semester and/or Proof of Enrollment/Syllabus for a future 2023 Semester (Spring, Summer or Fall) is required.

*** If applying for an entrance into Fall Semester, funds will be held until proof of enrollment is received.*



Scholarship Interview Questions

In addition to the above Application Form, scholarship applicants are required to submit answers to the following interview questions:

Please answer each of the following questions:

Per question: minimum 100 words, max 350 words

Personal motivation:

- What have been your personal motivations for pursuing an education in this field and what are your career goals for the five to ten years following completion of your education?

Knowledge of the industry:

- What do you see as opportunities for growth and development for the recreation and parks industry in Saskatchewan?

Barriers to career development:

- What barriers have you faced in achieving your educational and career pursuits and what can be done to ease these challenges?

Impact of scholarship:

- Please let us know why you should be chosen to receive this scholarship. How will it impact your life?

Responses to the scholarship interview questions can be submitted as a written, audio or video file. Acceptable formats include Microsoft Word (or equivalent), PDF, MP3, or MP4.

Alternative submission options may be considered on a case-by-case basis. Email scholarship@spra.sk.ca to request accommodations.

Accompanying photographs, in JPEG format, including a recent photo of the applicant and photos that support the application are highly encouraged.

Approved submissions may be used by SPRA to contribute to content on SPRA's communication platforms, including the SPRA Blog, website, e-newsletter and social media accounts. Quotations and photographs shared are intended to recognize future leaders in Saskatchewan's recreation and parks industries and highlight the value and strength that a diversity of representation brings.

Credit will be given to the author. SPRA reserves the right to make minor edits to the work. Approved applications and interview questions may be scheduled for sharing between April 2023 and June 2024.



Submission Checklist

Use this checklist to confirm you have everything ready to submit:

- ☐ Application Form
- ☐ Proof of enrollment or syllabus for future semester

NOTE: If proof of enrollment for a future semester is not available at the time of submission, a course syllabus or similar can be submitted. Funds for approved scholarships will only be released when proof of enrollment is provided.

- ☐ Scholarship Interview Questions
- ☐ Recent photograph(s) (encouraged, but not required)

Submit your application, interview questions, and accompanying documents by 5 p.m. on Friday, March 31, 2023, to Kristin Bialobzyski, Consultant – Inclusion and Access at scholarship@spra.sk.ca with a subject line of **2023 SPRA Future Leaders Scholarship Application**.

The amount of funding available for the SPRA Future Leaders Scholarship, in any given year, depends upon the availability of Lottery Funds in the Recreation Section for that specific year.