Scholarship Application
Undergraduate and Graduate

Scholarships, undergraduate and graduate, are awarded to outstanding students preparing for a career in the park and recreation profession. The scholarships are a $1,000 cash award. In addition to the cash award, the Institute provides registration, lodging and meals for the award recipient(s) to attend the Southwest Park and Recreation Training Institute held at Sequoyah State Park in Oklahoma on Ft Gibson Lake.

**Application Period:** Application must be digitally submitted by November 15th, 2018.

**Scholarship Award Decision:** Recipients will be notified of award by December 15th, 2018.

**Eligibility:** Applicants should be a sophomore, junior, senior or graduate student at a university or college in the Southwest Region (Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Arkansas, Missouri, Kansas, Colorado, New Mexico) with a major in a Parks and Recreation related degree program. Must have a minimum of 2.0 GPA on a 4.0 system. Award recipients will be required to attend the Southwest Parks and Recreation Training Institute being held Monday February 4th through Wednesday February 6th, 2019.

**Application Checklist:**
☐ Resume  ☐ Cover Letter Essay  ☐ Letters of Reference x 2  ☐ Transcript

**Resume:**
Highlight work experience, education, major college activities, recognition's, publications, memberships in professional organizations, conferences attended, training, research, etc.

**Cover Letter Essay**
In handwritten form in 750 words or less; describe your personal interest in parks and recreation, how your education path ties into the profession, and how this scholarship would benefit you.

**Letters of Reference**
Include two (2) letters of references, one from a college professor and one from an employer. These letters should specifically address your experience in the parks and recreation field, your achievements as a student, any community involvement, and/or your work ethic and character.

**Transcript:**
Include a copy of your transcripts (unofficial, advising copy, or sealed official documents) showing work and grades and a listing of courses in which you are currently enrolled.

**Application Submittal:** **digital submission only**
Send your signed application along with required supporting documents by the application deadline to:
SWPRTI Scholarship Committee Chair Bruce Divis bruce.divis@travelok.com 580/592-4888

For more information on the Institute and its objectives in fostering, supporting, and promoting professionalism in the parks and recreation industry, please visit our website at SWPRTI.org

I certify the information given herein is true and correct and may be used by the Southwest Park and Recreation Training Institute Scholarship Committee.

Signature of Applicant ___________________________  Date ______________________