

2017 North Dakota Recreation & Park Association Dr. LaVernia Jorgensen Memorial Professional Development Award Information and Application

Dr. LaVernia Jorgensen:

The Dr. LaVernia Jorgensen Memorial Professional Development Award is named for an influential professional in the field of parks and recreation in North Dakota. Dr. Jorgensen was born in Luck, Wis., received her bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin-River Falls, master's degree from the University of Minnesota, and doctorate from Indiana University. She taught at the University of North Dakota from 1963-1988 as a professor of recreation and remained active in NDRPA until her death on September 23, 2009.

The Memorial Professional Development Award:

NDRPA has awards available for professionals who seek to enhance their knowledge through advanced degrees, conferences or other learning opportunities. Selection of recipients will be based on demonstrated professional achievement, commitment to the field and educational pursuit. NDRPA will award monetary awards for a given year.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Must be a full-time working professional in a recreation/leisure/natural resource/tourism service position for at least three years.
- Must be a NDRPA member in good standing.
- Preference will be given to applicants who are members of NRPA at the time of application.

Application Deadline:

Completed applications must be received by April 1, 2017. Successful candidates will be invited to attend the NDRPA State Conference & Awards Banquet September 12-14 in Mandan, N.D., where they will be awarded their scholarships.

How to Apply:

For an application and/or more information, please visit www.ndrpa.com. Application form, purpose of the Professional Development Award, and question responses can be sent either electronically or mailed to the address below.

Email: clearfour@btinet.net

Questions: Call Dana at 701-355-4458

Mail: NDRPA
Attn: Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 1091
Bismarck, ND 58502

Successful candidates will receive advance notification in order to make arrangements to attend the NDRPA State Conference & Awards Banquet.

About NDRPA:

The North Dakota Recreation & Park Association (NDRPA) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit membership organization whose mission is advancing parks, recreation and conservation for an enhanced quality of life in North Dakota. NDRPA is a state affiliate of the National Recreation and Park Association.

Any individual or organization with an interest in North Dakota parks, recreation, natural resources and/or tourism is encouraged to join NDRPA. NDRPA has more than 600 members, including park districts, park board members, professionals, educational institutions, students and allied organizations and individuals.

Learn more at www.ndrpa.com.

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Application Form

Date: _____

Name: _____

Contact Phone #: _____

Email: _____

Employer: _____

Employer Address (City, State, Zip): _____

University/College Attended: _____

Major Area of Study: _____ Graduation Date: _____

NDRPA Member Since: Year _____ to _____

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Checklist of Application Criteria that MUST be Included:

A. Application Form

B. Purpose of the Professional Development Award: What will you be using the monetary award for?

C. Question Responses: Please use separate sheets of paper or an attachment for the following responses.

1. Tell the committee about yourself at this point in your professional career.
2. Tell us about you and your interests, abilities, character, personality, how you relate to other people, ideas of your future, etc.
3. What do you envision as your role in recreation/leisure/natural resources/tourism in the next 20 years?
4. How will this award influence or be meaningful in your future role as a professional leader?

Please complete award application as thoroughly as possible.

Please submit by April 1, 2017, to:

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