
WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

PRESS RELEASE

2021 Waukegan Park District Memorial Endowment Scholarship Applications Available

Waukegan, Illinois (February 3, 2021) – The Waukegan Park District is proud to support the academic endeavors of five local students from the community with a \$1,000 scholarship, known as the Waukegan Park District Memorial Endowment Scholarship.

Applicants will be considered based on their academic achievements and community service. To be eligible for the scholarship, applicants must be a:

- resident of the Waukegan Park District.
- student attending a college, university, or trade school in the fall of 2021.
- student pursuing a park and recreation related field, including but not limited to, parks and recreation, business, communications, marketing, accounting, information technology, human resources, public policy, public relations, forestry, horticulture, environmental science, graphic design, occupational safety, exercise sports science, and trades.

More details, including the scholarship application and criteria, are available at waukeganparks.org/scholarship. The scholarship application is due no later than Wednesday, March 10.

Past recipients of the Waukegan Park District Memorial Endowment Scholarship attend or have attended Clark University, Coe College, College of Lake County, Duke University, Howard University, Knox College, Northeastern Illinois University, University of Richmond, and the University of Wisconsin – Parkside.

The Waukegan Park District Memorial Endowment Scholarship is funded by private donations and gifts. To contribute to the Waukegan Park District Memorial Endowment Scholarship Fund, contact Ben Richards at brichards@waukeganparks.org.

About the Waukegan Park District

Established on December 26, 1916, the district has 50 properties and more than 740 acres of land, including the 18-hole Bonnie Brook and 9-hole Greenshire Golf Courses. Properties are managed to the highest environmental and conservation standards. Facilities operated by the district include the Field House Sports, Fitness and Aquatics Center, the Jack Benny Center for the Arts, the Waukegan's Greg Petry SportsPark, the Waukegan Skate Park, the Waukegan BMX Track, recreational centers, disc golf course, dog exercise area and agility course, outdoor sports fields, picnic areas, playgrounds, splash pads, and sports courts including basketball, tennis and pickleball. A full range of programs and services are offered year-round for all ages, from infants to seniors as well as special needs populations. Healthy lifestyles, wellness initiatives, and a connection with the outdoors and nature are integrated throughout programs, services, and special events. Cultural events are provided by the Waukegan Symphony Orchestra and Concert

Chorus, and the Waukegan History Museum. There is something for everyone! The District is a member of the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA), Illinois Association of Park Districts (IAPD), and Illinois Park and Recreation Association (IPRA). The District employs 63 full-time and over 230 part-time, seasonal, and temporary employees and is recognized by the IPRA as an Exceptional Workplace. Accreditation is maintained from the NRPA Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA), Illinois Association of Park Districts (IAPD) Distinguished Agency Accreditation and Park District Risk Management Agency (PDRMA). The District has received Government Finance Officer Association awards for Distinguished Budget Presentation and Certificate for Excellence in Financial Reporting for eight consecutive years. The District was awarded the NRPA National Gold Medal Award for Excellence in Park and Recreation Management in 2013 and named a NRPA Gold Medal Finalist in 2012, 2013, and 2019.

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