
WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

PRESS RELEASE

Waukegan Park District Memorial Endowment Scholarship Applications Available

Waukegan, Illinois (February 28, 2022) – The Waukegan Park District is proud to support the academic endeavors of five 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 fall 2022.
- 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.

Past recipients of the Waukegan Park District Memorial Endowment Scholarship currently attend or have attended Case Western Reserve University, Clark University, Coe College, College of Lake County, Connecticut College, Duke University, Howard University, Knox College, Northeastern Illinois University, University of Pennsylvania, University of Richmond, and University of Wisconsin - Parkside.

Additional information, including the scholarship application, is available at waukeganparks.org/scholarship. Completed applications are due by Friday, April 1, 2022.

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About the Waukegan Park District

Established on December 26, 1916, the Waukegan Park District (WPD) has 53 properties and more than 742 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 WPD include the Field House Sports, Fitness and Aquatics Center, Waukegan's Greg Petry SportsPark, Waukegan Skate Park, BMX Track, SplashZone, Percussion Playground, 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 need populations. Healthy lifestyles, wellness initiatives, and a connection with the outdoors and nature are integrated throughout programs, services, and special events. Arts and cultural activities are provided by the Jack Benny Center for the Arts, Waukegan Symphony Orchestra and Concert Chorus, and the Waukegan History Museum. We offer something for everyone!

A member of the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA), Illinois Association of Park Districts (IAPD), Illinois Park and Recreation Association (IPRA) and the Park District Risk Management Agency (PDRMA), the WPD employs 64 full-time and about 235 part-time, seasonal, and temporary employees and is recognized by the IPRA as an Exceptional Workplace.

Nationally accredited by the NRPA Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA) and State accredited through the IAPD Distinguished Agency Accreditation, the WPD has received Government Finance Officer Association (GFOA) awards for Distinguished Budget Presentation and Certificate for Excellence in Financial Reporting for eleven consecutive years and received the coveted GFOA Triple Crown Award recognizing the WPD's Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting, Popular Annual Financial Reporting and Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for 2019. The WPD was awarded the NRPA National Gold Medal Award for Excellence in Park and Recreation Management in 2013 and named a Gold Medal Finalist in 2012, 2013, 2019, and 2021.

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