

Recipient Benefits

2017 MTRA Professional Development Scholarship



Selected recipient will receive a \$500 scholarship to help cover conference expenses, travel and lodging. The recipient agrees to cover all other associated costs. Proof of registration must be provided to MTRA within one year of acceptance of the scholarship.

The **MTRA Professional Development Scholarship** enables professionals in the therapeutic recreation/recreation therapy field to attend a regional or national conference/training. This grant is intended to provide professional growth and the opportunity to learn from other professionals at a number of different conferences/trainings. One grant will be offered each year.

Recipient may attend a regional or nationally recognized conference/training including all meetings, socials, and educational sessions, in order to expand their professional knowledge and network. After attending, the recipient must write a brief article to be included in the next quarterly MTRA newsletter:

1) an overview of activities they were involved in; and 2) what they have gained from their experiences.

Eligible applicants should submit the application form and supporting materials no later than **Monday, July 31, 2017**. Completed application is required.

Minimum Eligibility Criteria

- ☑ Must be a current member of MTRA.
- ☑ At least two (2) years of full-time professional Therapeutic Recreation work.
- ☑ Must be employed in the state of Minnesota.
- ☑ Hold a current position that is responsible for therapeutic services, program planning, administration, or supervision. *(Preference will be given to professionals who typically would not have the ability to attend a regional or national conference/training)*
- ☑ Must be an active member of MTRA over the last two years.
- ☑ Must be able to provide a statement of need for funding including any additional funding sources you are seeking.
- ☑ Clearly identify the conference that you are looking to attend.
- ☑ Scholarship recipients are only eligible to receive the MTRA Professional Scholarship once every five (5) years.

2017 Application
MTRA Professional Development Scholarship



Please type:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: Office _____ Cell: _____

Email: ____

Identify the conference you wish to attend (include dates, cost, and location):

Are you a current MTRA (ATRA) Member? Yes No

***Please provide answers to the questions below (maximum of 350 words per questions)

1. Submit a Resume including work, education, and volunteer experiences. (5pts)
2. Submit a letter from your current employer supporting your attendance for your desired training opportunity. (5pts)
3. Describe the reason you are seeking/in need of this scholarship. (5pts)

(Include any additional funding sources you are seeking)

4. List your service(s) to MTRA, ATRA or other state association over the past two (2) years. (10pts)

(If you wish to submit all MTRA and ATRA service(s) you volunteered, it may be included. Be sure to indicate the year(s) the service(s) was completed.)

5. Describe any special honors, awards, recognitions, or certifications you have received. (5pts)

6. Describe the benefits you expect to receive by attending this professional training opportunity. (10pts)

7. The MTRA's primary objective is to support the education, innovation and training for all members in the therapeutic recreation/recreation therapy profession. Describe how your attendance at this professional training opportunity supports our objective. (10pts)

Signature of Applicant:

Date:

Submit application form and supporting materials via email to the address below, no later than Monday, July 31, 2017. Please provide all materials in a single PDF file. All applications will be scored according to the point system listed above. Applicants will be notified by August 15, 2017.

Please e-mail applications to:

kkchapy@hotmail.com

OR

Return by mail, postmarked by **July 31, 2017:**

**Karen Bone
7618 Sunwood Drive NW
Ramsey, MN 55303**