

GUIDELINES & APPLICATION
TEXAS RECREATION & PARK SOCIETY
2022 ANNUAL INSTITUTE & EXPO
FUTURE & YOUNG PROFESSIONALS SHOWCASE

11:00 am -12:00 pm | Wednesday, February 16
College Station – Texas A&M Hotel



ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Applicant must:

- Be a current member of the Texas Recreation and Park Society (TRAPS).
- Be a current student with an anticipated graduation date between May and December 2022. Be working towards a degree in Parks & Recreation, Therapeutic Recreation or a related field, such as Sports Management, Landscape Architecture, or Public Administration.
- Or a young professional who is 30 years old or younger or a graduate student
- Be involved with university and/or community service or professional development organizations; and
- Submit a completed application packet including a current resume and other supporting documents before the posted deadline.

SELECTION PROCESS

The selection of *Future & Young Professionals Showcase* speakers will be based on:

- Completed application received by the posted deadline.
- Minimum one (1) letter of recommendation completed by a faculty member, supervisor or field professional.
- Written statement answering all prompts included in the application form; and
- Resume demonstrating experience (volunteer, service learning, or paid) in the parks and recreation field as well as academic success and active participation in professional development or service organizations.

ACCOUNTABILITY REQUIREMENTS

Those selected to participate in the *Future & Young Professionals Showcase* must:

- Sign an agreement stating that they will attend the Institute and participate in the Showcase.
- Be actively engaged in not only the Showcase, but also other Institute education sessions and social events during the day for which complimentary registration is offered; and
- Write a brief evaluation report after the Institute, which includes:
 - An overview of the activities in which they were involved during the Institute.
 - A reflection on what benefits were gained from participation in the Showcase; and
 - An evaluation on the strengths and weaknesses of the Showcase along with suggestions for future improvement.

If selected, I agree to comply with the above terms: _____

Applicant Signature

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APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- ☐ Completed application form in PDF format
- ☐ Current professional resume in PDF format
- ☐ 250-500 word written statement in response to all prompts listed below
- ☐ One (1) letter of recommendation from a faculty member, supervisor of field professional

Applicant First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

College or University: _____ Major: _____

Anticipated Graduation Date: _____

TRAPS Region: _____ TRAPS Branch Affiliation: _____

Race/Ethnicity (OPTIONAL): _____

TRAPS is committed to improving diversity in parks and recreation. You may choose to support this effort by answering.

WRITTEN STATEMENT REQUIREMENTS

Please attach a 250-500 word written statement addressing each of the following prompts:

- What makes you a “rising star” in the parks and recreation profession? What makes you stand out from your peers? To put it simply – why should you be selected to participate in the Showcase?
- What and/or how do you intend to contribute to the future of the parks and recreation profession; either now, as a young professional, or after you graduate and enter the field?
- How will you benefit from the opportunity to not only participate in the Showcase, but to also attend one or days of the 2022 TRAPS Institute?

COMPLETED APPLICATION PACKET DUE FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20th BY 5PM.

Please email this application form and attached documentation to: TRAPS@traps.org.
You will be notified by phone or email if you have been selected by January 3, 2022.