



## **GAMMA CHAPTER 2019-2020 STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

### **APPLICATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2020**

#### **Objective:**

Women in Leisure Services, Gamma Chapter is proud to offer a scholarship program to assist in the development of women in the field of Recreation and Leisure Services. This program provides support and recognition to women for their personal and professional enrichment through education and professional service. Student scholarships will be awarded based upon the qualifications of the applicant, as determined by the Scholarship Committee, and range up to \$1,000.

#### **Eligibility:**

1. Applicant must live, work, or attend school in the Gamma Chapter boundaries (Los Angeles/Orange/ San Bernardino/Riverside Counties).
2. Applicant must be pursuing a graduate or undergraduate degree in Recreation, Leisure Studies, Human Services, Public Administration, or any closely related field at an accredited college or university.
3. Applicant must maintain a full-time student status of 12 semester units or more (or quarter equivalent) OR a part-time status of 6 semester units or more (or quarter equivalent) and working and/or volunteering in a recreation/leisure services setting.
4. Graduate students must maintain 9 semester units for full-time student status or 3 semester units and be working a minimum of 10 hours per week for part-time status.
5. Minimum GPA of 2.5.
6. Minimum of one (1) year experience in a paid or volunteer recreation setting.

#### **Requirements:**

1. Completed student scholarship application.
2. Professional resume.
3. Most recent transcripts and/or grade report.
4. Two (2) completed "Recommendation Forms." One form must be completed by a faculty member or instructor; the other form can be completed by a current work or volunteer supervisor.
5. Submit a typed essay (minimum of 500 words) answering the following questions.
  - Why are you studying Recreation (or any closely related field) and/or considering the field or Recreation as a career?
  - Please share your professional goals to attain after completion of degree. How will this scholarship benefit you in attaining your professional and personal goals?
  - How does Women in Leisure Services (WILS) benefit women in the field of recreation?

#### **Application Submission and Selection Process Information:**

- Required documents must be received by **Friday, March 6, 2020**. Postmarks will NOT be accepted.  
Mail to: Attn: Marianna Peña, WILS Scholarship Chair  
City of Costa Mesa Senior Center - P.O. Box 1200 Costa Mesa, CA 92628 or  
Email to: [marianna.pena@costamesaca.gov](mailto:marianna.pena@costamesaca.gov)
- Applications will be reviewed and rated by the Women in Leisure Services – Gamma Scholarship Committee.
- Student Scholarship applications will be rated on the basis of overall GPA, application presentation resume content, teacher and supervisor recommendation, and essay.
- Candidates with the best qualifications will be invited to an oral interview, that is tentatively scheduled between 8a.m.-5p.m., on **Thursday, April 2, 2020 in Orange County**
- The recipients of the scholarships will receive a one-year membership to WILS Gamma Chapter and will also be invited as guests to attend the Annual Awards and Installation Banquet that will be held on **Thursday, May 14, 2020**.

**For more information, please contact Marianna Peña, Scholarship Committee Chair, at [marianna.pena@costamesaca.gov](mailto:marianna.pena@costamesaca.gov) or at (714) 327-7544.**



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**Personal Information**

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a current WILS Member?)  YES  NO  I'm interested – please contact me!

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. # (If applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

**Education Information:**

College/s Currently Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Minor (If applicable): \_\_\_\_\_ Type of degree: \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_ # of Units in Progress: \_\_\_\_\_ # of Units Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Major GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

**Work/Volunteer Experience:**

Current Employer/Volunteer Agency: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_ # of Hours Worked Per Week: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Job Duties: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Volunteer and Professional Organizations:**

Please list any professional organizations you are currently affiliated with, such as WILS, CPRS, etc.:

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Please list any previous scholarships, awards, or honors received:

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Are you a member of a club or organization on your campus?:

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Do you have any other extra-curricular activities or volunteer work?:

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**Scholarship recipients are encouraged to participate on a Gamma Chapter programs committee. If selected as a recipient, what committee would you be interested in serving on? Please select from below.**

**PROGRAMS COMMITTEES**

- Scholarship Committee\***: This committee is responsible for selecting the award recipient for the Dolores Thompson Scholarship, Past President Scholarship and other various Gamma Scholarships offered by the chapter. Committee members also coordinate the scholarship awards component of the Awards and Installation banquet, including notifying recipients, coordinating flowers, plaques, etc.

\*Please note that those who intend to apply for a scholarship the following year, cannot serve on the scholarship committee.

**ANNUAL SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEES**

- Annual Business Meeting**: The purpose of the Annual Business Meeting is to have the general membership ratify the proposed budget. The meeting includes with an educational component, typically a guest speaker that presents on a trending topic and lunch.
- Educational Trainings (Fall/Winter)** These trainings are for members and their guests to interact with colleagues from other agencies, establish resources, and gain job knowledge. A variety of guest speakers will lead the group in various topics of discussion.
- Social**: The event is a networking and social opportunity for all members, where Past Presidents and Life Members are recognized during the event.
- Food for Thought (1 or 2)** This fun and quick event is a great way to meet other members. The 90-minute format includes breakfast/lunch/coffee and an educational program (tour, guest speaker, activity etc.).
- Awards and Installation Banquet** The event includes de-installation of out-going board members, installation of incoming officers, recognition of new members, presentation of awards and scholarships, and the year-end slideshow.

**I certify that all information submitted is accurate and complete:**

X \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Print Name Date



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As a key component to the success of our Scholarship Program, recipients of our scholarships are expected to be good students, responsible, reliable, hardworking, and well-rounded individuals capable of working well with others. In order to ensure these qualities, we require each applicant to submit a recommendation, which will be considered when her application is reviewed. This evaluation is a confidential document, which will help us determine the individual's strengths and weaknesses. Please be sure to record some of your own personal comments, as this could be a determining factor in whether or not an individual will be awarded a scholarship. Your time and thoughts are greatly appreciated. Please contact Marianna Peña at (714)327-7544 or marianna.pena@costamesaca.gov with any questions.

Scholarship Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please rate on a scale of 1 to 5: 1 = Needs Improvement 2= Below Average 3= Average 4= Above Average 5= Outstanding

1 2 3 4 5

Table with 10 rows of criteria for rating: Ability to communicate written and orally, Attitude towards peers and professors/instructors, Ability to work well with others, Recognition of personal responsibilities, Demonstrates leadership ability, Models professional standards, Maintains a positive attitude, Demonstrates strong interpersonal, and organizational skills, Will represent WILS with dedication and determination.

Overall recommendation: [ ] RECOMMEND [ ] DO NOT RECOMMEND

Please use the space provided for additional comments (attach additional page if needed):

Four horizontal lines for providing additional comments.

Form for Rater's Name, Title, School/Organization, Email Address, Rater's Signature, Date, and a Note: Recommendation Forms are to be submitted with applications by March 6, 2020.



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