

DELAWARE RECREATION AND PARKS SOCIETY  
WILLIAM J. HOPKINS FELLOWSHIP  
APPLICATION INFORMATION

The William J. Hopkins Fellowship was established upon Bill Hopkins' retirement as Director of the State Division of Parks and Recreation in honor of his contributions and dedication to professional training and development in the field of parks and recreation. The fellowship is administered by the Delaware Recreation and Parks Society Recognition and Awards Committee.

**Fellowship Program**

The Hopkins Fellowship will provide an award, based on available funding, commensurate with the actual need as approved by the Committee. The award will be made for professional training programs or education. Traditional conferences or conventions alone will not receive serious consideration for this fellowship program. The award may be used for any expenses associated with the approved program such as tuition, registration, travel, lodging, meals, etc. The committee will review and approve how the recipient will use the award.

**Fellowship Eligibility**

To be eligible, an applicant must have become an active Professional member of the Delaware Recreation and Parks Society prior to **December 1, 2019**. The Hopkins Fellowship is intended to focus on opportunities for young, up-and-coming professionals to receive further management training or education to enhance their professional development. Any and all DRPS professional members are encouraged to apply; however, the Committee will give preference to those members who traditionally have not had many such opportunities during their careers. The applicant and/or applicant's employer must commit to payment of the balance of any cost not covered by the award.

**Fellowship Award Criteria**

1. Statement of financial need
2. Progression of professional development as demonstrated by work history/resume
3. Submission of a brief, statement/essay on "Why I should be awarded this fellowship."

**Application Process**

1. The form must be completed by the applicant and signed by the applicant's supervisor or agency official to validate the application and, if necessary, to certify support for the remaining costs of the training not covered by the fellowship award.
2. The application form must be received **no later than January 24, 2020** by:

James Wagner  
DRPS Recognition and Awards Committee  
89 Kings Highway  
Dover, DE 19901  
[James.wagner@delaware.gov](mailto:James.wagner@delaware.gov)

3. Notification of the fellowship award will be made at the DRPS Recognition and Awards Banquet on March 10, 2020.

Deadline for submission: January 24, 2020

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2019 APPLICATION FORM

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

EMPLOYER/AGENCY: \_\_\_\_\_

CURRENT POSITION TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

Fellowship Request:

- Fellowship Funds \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- Agency/Employer Contribution \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL PROGRAM COST \$ \_\_\_\_\_

On additional pages provide the following information:

1. The training/educational program you plan to attend including the dates, sponsor, location, cost breakdown, etc. (include a copy of a brochure or flyer if possible)
2. A brief resume outlining your professional career and education
3. Your present position responsibilities
4. Your career objective
5. Reasons for requesting financial assistance
6. A brief statement/essay on "Why I should be awarded the Hopkins Fellowship"

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Agency/Employer Certification:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Immediate Supervisor: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_