

FOX VALLEY PARK FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

**Attention: High School Seniors
Current College Students**

March 1, 2020

The Fox Valley Park Foundation was established in 1981 as a not-for-profit corporation to promote social equity, health and wellness, and conservation for the Fox Valley Park District community. Our mission is to make a meaningful difference in people's lives by providing opportunities to participate in Fox Valley Park District programs regardless of financial capability. The Fox Valley Park Foundation assists local youth and families so that all children have access to experience enrichment programs, sports, camps and aquatics. We open the door to a world of activities that enhance each child's growth and development. We help veterans participate in fitness and wellness programs. The Foundation strives to provide increased quality of life, create a culture of connectivity and inclusive experiences, and protect and inspire a love of parks for future generations. Students interested in applying for the Foundation's scholarship must meet and complete the following criteria:

1. Student must be a current resident of the Fox Valley Park District (FVPD) service area.
2. Student must be a current high school senior and have been accepted to a college, university or trade school for the 2020-2021 school year **or** a current college student enrolled in a college, university or trade school for the 2020-2021 school year.
3. Preference will be given to students pursuing a degree/training in parks, recreation, tourism, leisure studies, natural resource management, sports management, and related fields.
4. Student's official transcript must be sealed and included with the application.
5. One letter of recommendation must accompany the completed application. A former or present teacher, dean, principal, counselor, employer, sponsor of a club or organization in which the student is actively involved may write a letter. This person should be someone with knowledge of the growth/development of the student.

To be considered for a scholarship, the application, official transcript, copy of photo identification and letter of recommendation must be **received** no later than **April 1, 2020**.

The above documentation must be delivered to the following address:

Cole Center Administration Office
Fox Valley Park Foundation
101 W. Illinois Ave
Aurora, IL 60506

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NAME _____

HIGH SCHOOL/COLLEGE _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

PHONE # _____ **PARENT PHONE** _____

PARENT(S) NAME _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ **AGE** _____

NAME AND LOCATION OF COLLEGE OR TRADE SCHOOL YOU PLAN TO ATTEND

MAJOR COURSE OF STUDY IN COLLEGE: _____

On a separate sheet, please provide us with background on yourself. Please include the following in your essay:

- 1. With what extracurricular activities, community involvement, work/volunteer experiences, have you been involved? What hobbies do you have? What are your future plans?*
- 2. Why do you feel you are deserving of this scholarship?*

*****At least one of our scholarships is designated for a student with a disability or special need. If this applies to you, please include that information in this section of the Scholarship Application.***

NOTE: Your essay must be typed in 12-point font size and double-spaced with a maximum of 300 words. Please type your first and last name in the upper right-hand corner of each attached page. Include this essay with your application.

SCHOLARSHIP CHECKLIST

- _____ I completed each section of the application.
- _____ I typed my essay. It is in 12-point font, double-spaced and 300 words. My first and last name are in the upper right-hand corner.
- _____ I have obtained and included an official transcript with my application.
- _____ I have included a letter of recommendation with my application.
- _____ I have included a copy of my photo ID with my application.

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY: April 1, 2020.

**DELIVER THE COMPLETED APPLICATION AND ALL ACCOMPANYING MATERIALS
TO:**

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ONLY COMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED.