Robert W. Crawford Memorial Scholarship



Robert W. Crawford was a pioneer and distinguished professional in the field of public parks and recreation for both Pennsylvania and the nation. He began his recreation career in 1934 and remained active with NRPA, the National Recreation Foundation and PRPS throughout his life. He worked in New York, New Jersey, California and in 1952 he finally landed in Pennsylvania as the Commissioner of Recreation for Philadelphia. He has been credited with increasing funding and expanding the City's recreation facilities and public parks from a meager 95 sites to 815, by the end of his career.

Additionally, he served as the Executive Director of the National Recreation Foundation for many years, establishing the Recreation and Park Hall of Fame in 1987. He was a strong supporter of our profession and the advancement of recreation and parks across the United States. The Community Recreation Branch of the Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society (PRPS) has established this award in honor of the late Robert W. Crawford.

The Robert W. Crawford Scholarship Award includes: Full Conference Registration, meals and lodging at the PRPS Conference & Expo, $500 Stipend and Scholarship Certificate.

Scholarship qualifications:

1. PRPS Member; Full-time Pennsylvania College or University undergraduate student in Recreation and Parks; must be a full-time student at the time of the Conference.
2. Must have a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 or equivalent
3. Outstanding involvement in extra-curricular activities

To apply, complete the online application at www.prps.org/scholarships, and attach a copies of your transcript, resume and letter of recommendation from a University faculty member.