



CALIFORNIA PARK & RECREATION SOCIETY DISTRICT 9 2026 Student Scholarship Application

Dear Potential Student Scholarship Recipient,

The California Park and Recreation Society (CPRS) District 9 welcomes your interest in applying for our 2026 undergraduate or graduate scholarship award(s). The scholarship winner(s) will be selected and awarded up to \$1,500.00. In addition, the scholarship recipient will receive free District 9 trainings for one-year and a one-year CPRS student membership which entitles them to a discounted registration to the annual CPRS Conference.

The following are prerequisites for applying:

1. You reside, work or attend an accredited college in the District 9 area. Please refer to Attachment A for District 9 geographical boundaries.
2. You maintain a full-time student status of 12 semester units minimum (or quarter equivalent) **or** a part-time status of 6 semester units minimum (or quarter equivalent) and work 10-40 hours a week (to be verified). Graduate students must maintain 6 semester units for full-time student status or maintain 3 semester units and work 10-40 hours a week for part-time status.
3. You are majoring in Recreation, Leisure Studies, Parks, Physical Education, Public Administration, Kinesiology, Gerontology or a closely related field and maintain a minimum 2.5 GPA **or** you are currently working or volunteering in the Recreation and Parks profession while majoring in another field.
4. You are seeking a career in the recreation or parks profession.
5. You are not a current board member of CPRS District 9.

A panel will review and evaluate each application on the basis of prerequisite qualifications, resume content and character references. Candidates with the best qualifications will be invited to an oral interview at a date and time to be determined. The completed packet (application form, resume, at least one completed reference form, official or unofficial transcripts, or two most recent report cards) is **due by Thursday, February 19th, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.** The recipient(s) of the scholarship(s) will be invited to the 2026 District 9 Annual Awards and Installation Banquet. **Date & Location TBD**

Submission Information

To submit your application for consideration, mail, or email packets with required materials to the address below. A detailed checklist of application materials is available on page 3 and includes: Completed two page application form, resume, at least one character reference form, proof of GPA. Note: character reference forms must be mailed in a sealed envelope or emailed directly from the reference.

Please mail or email the completed application to:

ATTN: Quentin Thelen

32201 Forrestal Dr.

Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275

EMAIL: d9cprs@gmail.com

Thank you for your interest. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (310) 544-5373 or qthelen@rpvca.gov

Sincerely,
Quentin Thelen
District 9 Education Representative

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Attachment A

District 9 Geographic Boundaries

CPRS District 9 strives to maintain a growing and active membership which then is recognized by its members and their organizations as a resource of quality services. District 9 provides meetings, trainings and activities that encourage and enable its members to excel in their profession and become part of the essential leadership of their community.

District 9 serves its members in the cities of:

- Beverly Hills
- Calabasas
- Culver City
- El Segundo
- Gardena
- Hawthorne
- Hermosa Beach
- Inglewood
- Lawndale
- Lomita
- Los Angeles
- Malibu
- Manhattan Beach
- Ranch Palos Verdes
- Redondo Beach
- Rolling Hills Estates
- Santa Monica
- Torrance
- West Hollywood

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DISTRICT 9**

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Application must be filled out completely and received by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 19th, 2026.

PERSONAL INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

Applicant Name				
Home Phone		Cell Phone		Work Phone
Email Address				
Address/City/Zip				
College/University Attending			# of Units in Progress	
Major		Units Completed	<input type="checkbox"/> Quarter	<input type="checkbox"/> Semester
Minor		Units Completed	<input type="checkbox"/> Quarter	<input type="checkbox"/> Semester
Anticipated Graduation Date		Degree		Cumulative GPA

EXPERIENCE

Current Employer		Job Title		
Hours of work per week		Immediate Supervisor		Supervisor's Work Number
Worked from		To		
Job Responsibilities/Duties				
Previous Employer		Job Title		
Hours of work per week		Immediate Supervisor		Supervisor's Work Number
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GENERAL INFORMATION

List professional affiliations/clubs or organizations	
List other extracurricular activities	
List awards and honors received	
What are your career objectives in the Recreation or Parks profession?	

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Please list the names of people whom you have selected to complete your reference forms			
Name of Instructor		Phone Number	
Name of Additional Reference		Phone Number	
<p>I certify that all information on this application form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.</p> <p>Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____</p>			

Student Scholarship Checklist

- Two page Student Scholarship Application Form – volunteer experience may be listed in lieu of paid work. Please sign the application form.

- Resume

- At least one (two max.) character reference rating form - must use provided form and submit in sealed envelopes. ***Reference may email the document directly to CPRS rep.** Letters of recommendation will not be accepted.

- Proof of GPA OR TRANSCRIPT (cumulative college grade point average) of at least 2.5.
Do not send original report cards.

Please send the completed scholarship packet to:

Quentin Thelen
32201 Forrestal Dr.
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275

d9cprs@gmail.com

Application packets must be complete and received by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 2nd, 2025
*Scanned or emailed applications are accepted

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Character Reference Rating Form						
Rater's Name		Title				
School/Organization		Phone Number				
Email						
Applicant's Name						
Please rate the applicant on the qualities listed below by checking the appropriate column. Indicate "N/A" if you have no basis for judgment.						
	Truly Exceptional	Outstanding	Above Average	Average	Below Average	N/A
Motivation	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Ability to work well with others	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Independence of thought	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Oral communication skills	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Written communication skills	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Creativity	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Self confidence	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Leadership	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Dependability	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Punctuality	<input type="checkbox"/>					

Please use the space provided to write a brief statement qualifying your rating of the applicant's qualities (*Letters of recommendation will not be accepted*).

Rater's Signature _____ Date _____

Note: After completing this character reference form, please place in a sealed envelope marked with the student's name and return to the student to include along with their application form. Reference may also email the document directly to CPRS rep (d9cprs@gmail.com). Application materials are due by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 19th.

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