



CALIFORNIA PARK & RECREATION SOCIETY DISTRICT 9 2026 Professional Program Scholarship Application

Dear Potential Professional Scholarship Recipient,

The California Park and Recreation Society District 9 recognizes the financial challenges facing many of our agencies and members. To help meet this challenge, District 9 welcomes your interest in applying for our 2026 Program Scholarship Award. One scholarship winner will be selected and will be awarded up to \$500 to be used for professional development opportunity(s), specific to the recreation field.

The criteria for the selection process include:

1. The applicant is a current CPRS District 9 member.
2. The applicant either works or resides in the District 9 area. Please refer to Attachment A for District 9 geographical boundaries.
3. The professional development opportunity includes; trainings, workshops, conferences, specialty licenses, or certification programs.
4. **Proof of the specific professional development opportunity** that the scholarship award would be used toward.
5. You are not a current board member of CPRS District 9.

A panel will review and evaluate each application. The winner will be notified by April 2026.

Attached is the Professional Program Scholarship Application Packet. The completed packet (application form, proof of development opportunity, resume, and optional cover letter and character reference) is **due by Thursday, February 19th at 5:00 p.m.** Mailed, scanned or emailed applications will be accepted.

The recipient(s) of these scholarships will be invited to the 2026 District 9 Annual Awards and Installation Banquet. **Date & Location TBD**

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 Section Rep.

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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					
Work Address/City/Zip					
CPRS Member #					

EXPERIENCE

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

GENERAL INFORMATION

Describe the professional development opportunity that would impact you if chosen.	
Describe how this scholarship will improve your career.	
Describe your need for a scholarship.	
How do you intend to contribute to CPRS District 9 if you receive the award?	
How do you intend to contribute to your colleagues and peers as a result?	

I certify that all information on this application form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Program Scholarship Checklist

- ☐ Program Scholarship Application Form
- ☐ Proof of training, workshop, conference, specialty license, or certification program.
- ☐ Resume
- ☐ *Optional: Letter of Recommendation or Cover Letter

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