Alberta Therapeutic Recreation Association
Education Scholarship

General Information

ATRA was established in 1985 to promote Therapeutic Recreation in Alberta by addressing the professional needs of its membership. Areas of emphasis are: Professional Development, Communication, Fundraising, Membership and Public Awareness. A motion was carried at the 1997 Annual General Meeting to establish a scholarship fund at both the undergraduate and graduate level. Offering a scholarship to students at the undergraduate and graduate level addresses ATRA's mission of promoting professional development, membership and public awareness. The aim of these scholarships is to provide financial assistance to full-time students pursuing training and education in the field of Therapeutic Recreation. It is also intended to increase awareness of Therapeutic Recreation as a profession to students and educators.

General Application Procedures

All applications must include the following:

- A completed ATRA Education Scholarship application form
- Proof of ATRA membership
- Proof of enrollment at the educational institution for the upcoming year
- Transcripts
- Three letters of support

Selection Criteria

Selection will be based on the following criteria:

- Enrollment at an Alberta educational institution (for undergraduate scholarships)
- Specified area of study (ie: Therapeutic Recreation, Recreation Administration, Research, Education)
- Scholastic achievement
- A demonstrated commitment to a career in Therapeutic Recreation
- Work and volunteer experience beyond practicum requirements
- Memberships, awards and distinctions

Complete the following checklist before sending your application:

If the following items are not included, the application package will be returned to you.

- _____ A completed ATRA Education Scholarship Application Form
- _____ Proof of ATRA membership
- _____ Proof of school enrollment for the upcoming year
- _____ Transcripts
- _____ Three letters of support

Send completed applications to:

Alberta Therapeutic Recreation Association
8038 Fairmount Drive SE
Calgary, Alberta T2H 0Y1

For further information email us at atra@alberta-tr.org or call (403) 258-2520
Application deadline is August 31 of each year

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Application Form

☐ **Undergraduate Scholarship** ☐ **Graduate Scholarship**

Name of Applicant:

Address: Postal Code:

Phone: Fax: email address:

ATRA Membership #:

Educational Institution Attending: Program: Major:

Years of Study Completed: Expected date of Graduation:

Courses/Workshops/Certificates Completed
Please list courses, workshops or certificates completed and/or presented that are related to Therapeutic Recreation or recreation with special populations which are not a part of your current university or college program. Please indicate name of course, workshop or certificate, organization delivering the course/workshop and date completed.

Professional and Personal Memberships
Please list current professional and personal memberships (ie: Alberta Recreation and Parks Association, Canadian Therapeutic Recreation Association, American Therapeutic Recreation Associations, Student Associations). Indicate if you have held positions or worked on committees within these organizations. Please note that ATRA membership is mandatory.

Awards/Scholarships/Distinctions
Please list awards, scholarships, distinctions which you have received. Indicate name of award, organization and date received.

Work and Volunteer Experience
Please list work and volunteer experience in the area of Therapeutic Recreation or recreation with special populations. Please indicate name of organization, position, dates employed and total hours worked.

Future Goals in the Field of Therapeutic Recreation
Please indicate your future plans in regards to education and career and how this will benefit the field of Therapeutic Recreation.

Letters of Reference
Please include three letters of support relevant to experiences in recreation, in education or with special populations.

Letter #1:

Letter #2:

Letter #3:

Description of Research (For Graduate Students Only)
Attach a separate sheet which includes a brief description of your research, indicating the area and the benefits or significance to the field of Therapeutic Recreation. Include a description of the research design and how the results of the research will be communicated and to whom. Also indicate if there is a potential for the outcomes to be transferable to other professionals working with quality of life or wellness for special populations.