



Leisure Careers Foundation Thad Studstill Memorial Conference Scholarship Packet

The Thad Studstill Memorial conference scholarship is awarded in honor and recognition of Mr. Thad Studstill's lasting legacy. Mr. Studstill served the Georgia Recreation and Parks Association for over three decades, serving as President in 1974 and as the original Executive Director of the association. His dedication as a true recreation and park professional was the core of his beliefs and actions. Mr. Studstill was awarded the GRPA Distinguished Professional of the Year in 1973 and was inducted into the GRPA Hall of Fame in 2000.

Individual members in good standing may apply for this scholarship by the advertised deadline.

- Submit a completed application along with a one page essay on the topic(s) provided.
- The scholarship may include reimbursement of the following:
 - Mileage at the current IRS rate up to \$200
 - Meal per diem for four days at the GRPA office rate
 - Lodging for five nights at a GRPA approved hotel.
 - Conference Early Registration Fee Only

TOPICS: Both below must be included in your essay.

1. What is your "Why?" in parks and recreation? How would attending the GRPA State Conference benefit you in your professional career growth?
2. The Future of Leisure: How might AI-powered recreational technologies reshape our understanding of leisure, work and free time?

If awarded, the recipient must provide the following documentation within 30 days from the last day of GRPA annual conference.

- GRPA conference transcript, showing attendance at 75% of CEU opportunities.
- Hotel Receipt
- Total Mileage

The application packet is due by the **first Friday in September**.

Please submit the application packet via email to: Shelley McDaniel, sparham@madisonco.us



**Leisure Careers Foundation
Thad Studstill Memorial Conference Scholarship Application**

Applicant Name: _____

Agency: _____

Job Title: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone: _____ - _____ - _____

Member of GRPA: ☐ YES ☐ NO Number of Years of Membership: _____

Service to GRPA – District: _____

Service to GRPA – State: _____

Have you attended GRPA Annual Conference before? ☐ YES ☐ NO

Expenses Requested (check all that apply):

☐ Registration

☐ Lodging

☐ Meals

☐ Mileage Reimbursement

I, the undersigned, understand if awarded, I must attend 75% of CEU sessions offered and submit my official transcript as well as any receipts within 30 days of the last day of Annual Conference. Failure to do so may result in the loss of the awarded scholarship funds.

Applicant Name: _____

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: ____/____/____

I agree to fully support the applicant to attend the GRPA Annual Conference and will allow them to attend if selected.

Agency Director Signature: _____

Agency Director Email: _____

Date: ____/____/____

Phone: _____ - _____ - _____