



FOX VALLEY SPECIAL RECREATION FOUNDATION

Dear Advisors,

I am writing on behalf of the Fox Valley Special Recreation Foundation. We are dedicated to advancing the field of recreational therapy. We are excited to announce the FVSRF Therapeutic Recreation Scholarship, an initiative aimed at supporting aspiring recreational therapists in their educational pursuits.

Our scholarship program aims to identify and assist outstanding students who are passionate about pursuing a career in Therapeutic Recreation. We kindly request your assistance in sharing this scholarship opportunity with your students. We are particularly interested in identifying motivated and dedicated individuals who are enthusiastic about the field of recreational therapy.

The FVSRF Therapeutic Recreation Scholarship offers financial support to eligible students pursuing studies in recreational therapy. It is open at various academic levels, including undergraduates, graduates, and those embarking on doctoral studies.

To apply for this scholarship, students are required to submit an application that includes a personal statement, details about their educational background, and their experiences and achievements. The application form and additional information can be found at www.fvsra.org/TRscholarship.

Thank you for your collaboration in helping us reach talented and motivated students who are passionate about making a difference in the field of Therapeutic Recreation. We look forward to receiving applications from your students and working together to support the next generation of Therapeutic Recreation professionals.

Thank you,

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Therapeutic Recreation Scholarship

Overview

At Fox Valley Special Recreation Foundation, we firmly believe in the potential of individuals like you to make a meaningful impact on the field of Therapeutic Recreation. Your work matters, and we are committed to supporting your journey toward becoming a future leader in the field. Below you will find information about the scholarship fund, eligibility requirements, how to apply, and when awards will be announced.

Scholarship Fund:

The Fox Valley Special Recreation Foundation (FVSRF) will award scholarships to students in FVSRA's service area pursuing a degree in Therapeutic Recreation. The Therapeutic Recreation Scholarship is intended for the upcoming semester of the recipient's undergraduate or graduate year. The amount of each scholarship and how many scholarships are awarded is determined by the members of the Board of Directors.

Eligibility:

To be eligible, the applicant must have applied for admission into a university as a full-time undergraduate student, or as a graduate student seeking a Master's degree in Therapeutic Recreation. The student need not have been accepted into a university prior to submitting this scholarship application, but the payment of the scholarship monies is contingent upon acceptance and enrollment in an accredited university for the following semester.

Deadline:

Applications and supporting material must be submitted on or before February 9, 2026. Anything after this date will not be accepted. Scholarship recipients will be notified in March and funds will be distributed through the Fox Valley Special Recreation Foundation.

Application Process:

Application forms can be found at www.fvsra.org/TRscholarship

You may apply the following ways:



Email the completed application form and all required documents to scholarship@fvsra.org
With the subject Heading: TR Scholarship – First Name, Last Name



Drop off or Mail the completed application form and required documents to FVSRF, 2121 West Indian Trail Road, Aurora, IL 60506. Mailed applications must be postmarked by Monday February 9, 2026.

Other Information:

For this application to be complete, it must contain the following.

- Completed FVSRF Scholarship application
- Latest transcripts reflecting a full year of study
- Two letters of recommendation
- Proof of acceptance from the university and proof of Therapeutic Recreation as a declared major (required before money is dispersed)
- Resume
 - Academic, extracurricular, and community activities
 - Positions of responsibility and leadership
 - Honors and awards
 - Work or volunteer experience
- Personal Statement (The following are prompts that you may use in your personal statement. Limit your response to 600 words)
 - Convey your passion for Therapeutic Recreation and what motivates you to pursue a career in this field.
 - Share any relevant experiences, such as internships, volunteering, coursework, or personal relationships that have shaped your understanding of recreational therapy.
 - What are your career goals and how do you envision making a positive impact in the field?

Please note that we reserve the option to interview applicants if more information is desired.



Recreation Scholarship Application Form

Personal Information:

Full Name: _____
Contact Email: _____
Phone Number: _____
Mailing Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Educational Information (Only complete if currently in high school):

Current High School: _____
Expected High School Graduation Date: _____ Current GPA: _____

College/University Information (all applicants complete):

Educational Institution: _____
Major/ Program of Study: _____
Expected Graduation Date: _____ Current GPA: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Typing your names will be accepted as a signature that the information you are giving is accurate

Checklist - Applications Must Include the following attachments:

*If emailing, files should be saved as the following with the email **subject heading** 'TR Scholarship Application'*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Latest transcripts
(a certified copy is not necessary) | First Name, Last Name – Transcripts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Two letters of reference | First Name, Last Name – References |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Current resume | First Name, Last Name – Resume |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal statement | First Name, Last Name – Personal Statement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> college/university Letter of acceptance (If not currently available, it is required before funds are dispersed) | First Name, Last Name – Acceptance Letter |

Applications can be rejected if the relevant documentation is not attached.

