

## Student Membership Info

### MA.

We currently have 3 student members – we offer them the same benefits as a full member – we also have a student tab on our web page where they can give us information to post about themselves

We struggle each year with this – the student memberships are only as good as the professors in the colleges and universities buy into our organization – we at one time had a great relationship with Springfield College and Bridgewater state and Gordon College are contacts in these schools all retired and now we have little contact as the schools have changed their structure – more to the sports management area

### VT

Totally concur with Val. When we have buy-in from the professors we have students and when we don't, we don't have any students. We give students a free conference registration when they become members so that it actually costs us money when they come and we still don't get many. One problem for us now is that we don't even have a Rec Admin program at any of our VT colleges.

I guess it is nice to know that we aren't alone in connecting with students. We used to have 20-25 students at our conference every year buy our invested professor retired. □

### CT.

We struggle with students each year. We really only get 2-3 that pay the \$25 membership dues. We offer them discounts to attend all CRPA trainings, we give them a free conference registration if they volunteer at conference (we also assign them a mentor at conference). We also give them two sessions for students only at conference and provide a take a student to lunch program at conference. We also have an internship posting on our website so they can look up internships.

We do well with conference usually getting about 25 students that attend our conference – a lot volunteer. Really the professors here push it for us they hand out a registration with their syllabus and some even give extra credit or make them do a project or paper related to what they learned or how they networked at conference. You need to get buy in/support from the professors.

### NH

NHRPA has a college level membership which is \$400 and it gives them 5 faculty professional memberships and 25+ student members. We are also considering adding high school level as part of our student membership. We have good involvement from UNH as they are our only College member so far. Kerry

Joining the conversation a little late but here's CA info regarding students:

Student membership has two tiers:

\$55 per year if the university they go to is also a member of CPRS

\$65 per year if the university they go to is NOT a member of CPRS

We allow FULL TIME students only to participate in this membership

As a member, students may attend conference at these rates:

\$35, full conference, early registration

\$65, full conference, regular registration

\$95, full conference, late registration

Student non-members must pay the regular non-member rate.

Of course, volunteering is highly encouraged for students and allows them ½ day free for ½ day worked.

Our student membership is \$15 a year (dirt cheap), and we require them to be full time students NOT working anywhere in the field. We let them come to conference for free if they agree to work 2 hours a day while at the conference. If they don't want to volunteer then they pay the same registration that everyone else does.

Surprisingly we get hardly any students attend our conference, but it is because our conference is usually the first or second week of classes for the fall semester.

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**PA** - We have recently changed our dues structure which allows for free electronic memberships to all fulltime undergrads in recreation, parks, tourism and related majors. Last year, when the dues were \$30, we had a total of 35 student members. This year, we have hundreds.

Student rates at our annual conference are the same as retirees', and are \$130 for members and \$160 for nonmembers. (compared to \$285 and \$335 for professional members/nonmembers) The student daily rates are \$60 and \$70

**NY** - We charge approx. \$75 for students~ the rate has varied but basically we take a loss around \$60 for approximately 50 students to attend the conference. I believe they get some help from a fund from their college but I am not certain.

**WISCONSIN** - has a student conference registration fee of \$100 that also includes three meals, all of the educational sessions and socials. Our Foundation provides approximately 20-30 Student Conference Scholarships per year for selected full-time students in the field.

**OHIO** - For the first time this year, Ohio will charge students \$99 for a full conference registration which includes all meals and socials. Students can also apply to our foundation for lodging scholarships

**ARIZONA** charges students only \$50 to attend, this includes only the delegate bag, badge, access to the exhibit hall and education sessions. No meals or socials.

**TN** – Candi Rollins - Same fee as professionals? ( M/NM)

Reduced fees? reduced fee covers meals. \$190 this year

Scholarships? no

Free? Volunteer ½ day get ½ day no meal tickets

**KANSAS** - If they pay the \$15 member fee they come for free.

**IOWA** - we offer a very reduced fee of \$20 per day for IPRA member students or \$35 for non-members. Our student membership fee is \$25. We do however offer trade-out..room host at least three sessions.get a free one day pas

**NEW JERSEY** rates for students include \$240 for an all-inclusive for members which includes everything for the 3 day conference except lodging, \$280 for a non-member. We also offer an educational session only pass which includes the exhibit hall but no meals or socials for \$180 for a member, \$220 for a non-member.

A daily pass is \$120 for a member, and \$140 for a non-member; this includes continental breakfast and lunch.

In the past we had offered full scholarships for students who volunteered time commensurate with their package but this became problematic. For the last few years we have created Monday as "Student Day" and offer registration at 50% off (\$60). This includes the continental breakfast, lunch, and then usually some student specific program late in the afternoon with pizza, i.e. speed dating for internships, mentors, etc.

Unfortunately, as we only have one small program in the state we don't have many students attend or join as members.