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**Paul Zwaska Scholarship, presented by Beacon Athletics**

The Paul Zwaska Scholarship, presented by Beacon Athletics, promotes diversity within the profession through an annual scholarship program for students from groups underrepresented in SFMA. The scholarship award recognizes and encourages full-time students pursuing a career in the Sports Field Management profession. One scholarship per year in the amount of $2,500. Applicants must be enrolled or enrolling as a full-time student at a U.S. accredited educational institution and must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale).

Candidates must be individuals from groups underrepresented in SFMA. Individuals from the following groups are strongly encouraged to apply: Asian/Pacific Islander, Black/African American, Latin(o/a)/Latinx, Native American, Members of the LGBTQIA+, People with disabilities, Veterans, Women, or Others who feel they may be underrepresented in the profession (with explanation).

**Application:**

**To which of the following underrepresented groups do you belong?** *(Select all that apply)*

[ ]  Asian/Pacific Islander

[ ]  Black/African American

[ ]  Latin(o/a)/Latinx

[ ]  Native American

[ ]  Members of the LGBTQIA+

[ ]  People with disabilities

[ ]  Veterans

[ ]  Women

[ ]  Other underrepresented group in the profession

 Explanation:

**First Name:**  **Last Name:** **Suffix:**

**Current Street Address (***incl. Apt #)***:**

**City, State, Zip code:**

**Telephone:**  [ ] Work [ ] Home [ ] Cell­­

**Permanent Street Address (***if different than above***):**

**City, State, Zip code:**

**Preferred E-Mail**  **Alternate E-Mail (optional):**

**Are you an SFMA Member? \_\_ Yes \_\_ No (***to be eligible for a SAFE scholarship you must be an SFMA Member)*

**School/Institution:**

**Faculty Advisor:**

**Program Length:** [ ]  Two Year [ ]  Four Year [ ]  Graduate

**Will you be enrolled in at least 6 credit hours in the upcoming year? \_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No**

**Major Field of Study:**

**Class:**  [ ]  Freshman [ ]  Sophomore [ ]  Junior

 [ ]  Senior [ ]  Graduate [ ]  Postgraduate

**Degrees completed:**

**Units completed (all college work):**       **Cumulative GPA:**

**Units completed (current institution):**       **Expected Date of Graduation:** mm/yyyy

**Year of high school graduation:**

**Essay:**

**600 words or less, double-spaced in the space below *(include an additional page if needed)*.**

Please provide an essay (*600 words or less*) answering the following two questions:

1. Why do you deserve this scholarship?
2. How do you think you can make an impact in the SFM industry?

 **Please send completed application form and essay to:**

**SFMAinfo@SportsFieldManagement.org with subject line: Paul Zwaska Scholarship Application.**