



**SFNPT National Park Ambassadors Program**  
**Application Deadline: Thursday, November 30, 2017 at 5:00 PM**

### **Project Description**

The National Park Ambassadors Program is a six-month environmental leadership program for young professionals focused on South Florida's four national parks. We are looking for individuals of diverse backgrounds in Greater Miami who enjoy the outdoors, who want to learn more about the Everglades and South Florida's marine environment, and who can devote one Saturday a month for six months to the program, to develop a deeper knowledge of these parks and greater leadership skills on environmental issues of importance to South Florida.

Participants will spend six Saturdays from January to June exploring four national parks (Everglades, Biscayne, Dry Tortugas, Big Cypress) while learning about local ecology, native wildlife, and environmental issues in South Florida. The program will provide opportunities for mentoring, networking and team-building. Participants will be asked to work with others to complete a project of their choice that benefits one or more parks and the community. After completing the program, participants will be invited to join an advisory council and encouraged to serve as national park ambassadors in communities where they live and work.

### **Eligibility**

The South Florida National Parks Trust will select 12 to 16 individuals under the age of 40 from Greater Miami who reflect the diversity of South Florida, who live and work in urban settings, who are committed to staying in South Florida, and who exhibit leadership qualities. We are looking for candidates who are environmentally aware but have limited experience and/or exposure to South Florida's national parks. Candidates should be able to fully commit to the six-month program with the goal of becoming national park ambassadors in South Florida.

### **Application Process**

To apply please complete the online application at [southfloridaparks.org/ambassadors](http://southfloridaparks.org/ambassadors) with the required attachments by Thursday, November 30 at 5:00 PM. Finalists will be interviewed in early December. All candidates will be notified of the final selection by Friday, December 15. The program will begin in January.

Applications cannot be revised once submitted. It is advised that you draft your answers to your questions in a word document first, then copy and paste your answers once you are ready to submit. A copy of the application questions can be found here.

For any questions regarding the application, ambassador program, etc. Please feel free to contact [jessica@southfloridaparks.org](mailto:jessica@southfloridaparks.org)

## Required Attachments (PDF or Word docs)

- A **resume or brief bio** that summarizes your educational background, work experience, volunteer service and community activities.
- A one-page **letter of reference** from a person of your choice that describes the length and nature of your relationship and the qualities that would make you a successful candidate.

## Contact & Biographical Information

1. Your Name
2. Address
3. Phone Number
4. Email Address
5. Date of Birth
6. Occupation
7. Employer

## Please answer the following questions with the prescribed word limit:

1. Tell us about yourself. Describe your background, your interests, your most important qualities and defining characteristics. (500 words)
2. Tell us why you are interested in the National Park Ambassadors Program and why you would be a good candidate. (300 words)
3. Describe an experience, an event or activity in which you took a leadership role or where you made a difference on an issue that was important to you. (300 words)
4. What do you think about when you think of national parks? How and why do you think they are relevant to you and South Florida? (300 words)
5. Tell us what you hope to accomplish by completing this program. (300 words)

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