

2016 Robert W. Crawford Young Professional Award

Introduction

SAMPLE ONLY - Application must be submitted using the online format.

The Robert W. Crawford Young Professional Award is presented to an individual who has shown qualities and skills needed to attain positions of leadership in the field of parks and recreation through their contributions to advancing the field, their creativity in creating or managing programs, and their participation in professional organizations, such as NRPA.

The nomination deadline is March 20, 2016

Eligibility Criteria:

- Nominee must be an NRPA member.
- Nominee must be 35 years of age or younger (at time of nomination due date) **OR** have 5 - 7 years of experience in the park and recreation field.
- Certification through national program (preferred)
- *Nominee should:*
- Exhibit outstanding service to the field of parks and recreation
- Provide effective leadership in the field of parks and recreation in research, advocacy, or community efforts to advance the field
- Served as a speaker, moderator, or panel member for state or national conference, school, or workshop; or
- Submitted an article for publication for a professional media (i.e., state or national magazine).

Required Materials

- Answers to the questions provided below -- Nominator provides essays
- Nominee's resume which includes the educational history and career summary including a complete description of the nominee's current position, responsibilities, and volunteer activities.
- Two letters of recommendation only (including one from the candidate's current supervisor)

Supplemental Materials

- Documentation of achievements and contributions (media coverage, certificates, etc.)

NOMINATION INSTRUCTIONS

- All nominations must be **received by NRPA** no later than midnight, EST March 20, 2016. NRPA will not return any materials submitted with the nomination.

- Nominator may only nominate using this official nomination form. *Self nominations will not be accepted.*
- Applications must be submitted electronically using this survey format. Supplemental materials must be submitted in either Microsoft Word or Adobe PDF format and included with the application.
- Submit **no more than two documents** (multiple documents may be combined, however, submit no more than two separate documents). *No separate photographs will be accepted. To insure connectivity, provide URL addresses, not hyperlinks. Provide PDFs as a separate attachment, not embedded in application form.*
- Nomination is automatically disqualified if it does not meet criteria, submission instructions or if the responses are over the word limit.
- This format has a save and continue feature that is located at the bottom of the question pages.
- For more information, contact the NRPA Awards Programs at 703.858.2141 or awards@nrpa.org.

Nominee Information

1. Nominee Name *

2. Title *

3. Agency *

4. Phone Number *

5. Street Address (UPS Delivery) *

6. City / State / Zip *

7. Email (Nominee) *

8. NRPA Membership Number *

9. NRPA Certification *

10. College Degree *

11. Other Certification

Nominator Information

12. Submitted by (contact) *

13. Title *

14. Agency *

15. Phone Number *

16. Street Address (UPS delivery) *

17. City / State / Zip *

18. Nominator Email (Email confirmation will be sent to this email.) *

19. NRPA Membership Number

Essay Question 1

20. Leadership: Describe how the nominee has shown leadership skills by communicating park and recreation benefits, setting direction, innovative ideas, and/or effective decision making. Describe the effectiveness of the nominee in promoting ideas or vision. *(250 word maximum)* *

Essay Question 2

21. Vision: Describe how the nominee has shown responsibility for exemplary advancement of the recreation and parks profession in their agency, state or national level. Site specific examples. *(250 word maximum)*

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Essay Question 3

22. Accomplishments: Describe the candidate's accomplishments, including awards, commendations, honors, or professional advancement through their work in parks and recreation. Describe any involvement in NRPA, Network, state and regional associations, advocacy efforts, community outreach, and volunteer opportunities. *(250 word maximum)* *

Essay Question 4

23. Significant Contributions: Describe the candidate's contributions to the park, recreation, and leisure field, and why they are worthy of national recognition. Examples of contribution are: research, advocacy, and community efforts to advance the field, developing service through creative program development. *(250 word maximum)* *

Attached Documents

24. Please attach a resume of the nominee. *

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25. Please attach two letters of recommendation (including one from the candidate's current supervisor). *

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26. Please provide any supplemental materials below. *

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Thank You!

Thank you for submitting an application for the 2016 Robert W. Crawford Young Professional Award. Notifications will be made in late June.