

2016 National Distinguished Professional Award

Introduction

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

The Distinguished Professional Award is presented to an individual who has made outstanding contributions to the field through their leadership, research, advocacy, community outreach, and program development.

The nomination deadline is March 20, 2016

Eligibility Criteria:

- Nominee must be an NRPA member.
- Minimum of 15 years of experience in parks and recreation
- Degree in parks and recreation (preferred)
- Certification through national program (preferred)
- Nominee should:
 - Exhibit distinctive 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.

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.
- Nominator may only nominate using this official nomination form. *Self nominations will not be accepted.*
- All materials must be submitted electronically using this survey format.
- Submit **no more than two documents** (multiple documents may be combined, video links included, however, submit no more than two separate documents). *No separate photographs will be accepted. To insure connectivity, provide URL addresses, not hyperlinks.*
- 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 *

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 (A copy of the application form will be sent to this email address.) *

19. NRPA Membership Number *

Essay Question 1

20. Leadership: Describe how the candidate has shown themselves to be a leader in the field of parks and recreation. Include any involvement in local organization, state or regional associations, and NRPA committees/networks, elected or appointed positions, consistent participation in committees or special projects, and community involvement. *(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)* *

Essay Question 3

22. Accomplishments: Describe the candidates accomplishments, including awards, commendations, honors, or professional advancement through their work in park and recreation. This can include degrees in the field and national certifications. *(250 word maximum)* *

Essay Question 4

23. Significant Contributions: Describe the candidates contributions to the park, recreation, and leisure field, and why they are worthy of national recognition. Examples of contributions are: research, advocacy, and community efforts to advance the field, public relations furthering the image of park and recreation organizations and profession, original contributions to the profession which has affected the philosophy or practice of parks and recreation. *(250 word maximum)* *

Addition Information

24. Please attach the 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. *

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25. Please attach two letters of recommendation. *

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26. Attach any supplemental information here.

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Thank You!

Thank you for submitting an application for the National Distinguished Professional Award. Status notifications will be provided in late June.