



## Before You Get Started

Welcome to the 2020 Gold Medal Awards Program. We welcome the applicants from the armed forces recreation and the applicants for the 5 agency population categories, as well as State Parks.

The application and process for all categories is now hosted on the NRPA website at <http://www.nrpa.org/goldmedal/>

**Deadline is March 27, 2020**

The American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration (AAPRA) in partnership with the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) are pleased to report that there are only minor changes to Gold Medal Awards program for population categories and Armed Forces.

All applications are in an electronic format.

### Population Categories:

Class I	400,001 and over
Class II	150,001– 400,000
Class III	75,001 – 150,000
Class IV	30,001 – 75,000
Class V	less than 30,000
State Parks	

- Video Requirement: Gold Medal Finalists are being asked to post to their web page a short (social media type) video, a MAX of 5 minutes by June 1. Judges will view this short video that helps support information provided in the application. Video should tell the story how your agency is unique and outstanding, while capturing images that support application responses; and serves as a media communication piece to your community! Any video approach may be used but will only be considered in round 2 judging discussions if 5 minutes or less and posted by June 1.

- Support Materials: Applicants will be asked to provide the following:
  - 3 page Executive Summary of your most current Comprehensive Plan for the agency.
  - Links to your website, program brochure and Master Plan. Please ensure links work. If not available electronically, hard copies will be accepted. Please mail 6 copies of the Program Brochure and 1 copy of the Master Plan to NRPA Headquarters, Attn: Gold Medal Award Program, 22377 Belmont Ridge Road, Ashburn, VA 20148
- Sessions for Questions and Clarification: Please contact [goldmedal@nrpa.org](mailto:goldmedal@nrpa.org) .

Other Notes:

- **Keep a copy of your application for your records**
- If your application is successfully submitted, you will receive a confirmation email. If you do not receive a confirmation receipt within 24 hours after submitting your application, contact the NRPA office at [goldmedal@nrpa.org](mailto:goldmedal@nrpa.org) .