

2019 National Distinguished Professional Award

Introduction

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The National 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 29, 2019

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

Optional Materials:

- One additional supplemental item which highlights the nominee's efforts and achievements

Nomination Instructions:

- **All nominations must be received by NRPA no later than 11:59 p.m. EST on March 29, 2019.**
- 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 one supplemental item.** (If submitting a link, please provide URL address, not hyperlink, to ensure connectivity.)
- Nomination is automatically disqualified if it does not meet criteria, submission instructions of 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 Program at (703) 858-2196 or awards@nrpa.org.

Nominee Information

Nominee Name *

Title *

Agency *

Phone Number *

Street Address (UPS delivery) *

City / State / Zip *

Email *

NRPA Membership Number

NRPA Certification

College Degree

Other Certification

Nominator Information

Submitted by (contact) *

Title *

Agency *

Phone Number *

Street Address (UPS Delivery) *

City / State / Zip *

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

NRPA Membership Number

Essay Question 1

1. 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

2. 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

3. 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

4. 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) **

Additional Information

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. *(1MB maximum) **

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Please attach two letters of recommendation. *(1MB per file maximum)* *

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Optional: Please share **one** additional supplemental item that highlights the nominee's efforts and achievements that were not completely reflected in the answers above. *(1MB maximum)*

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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.