



2024 Nebraska Recreation & Park Association Annual Award Nomination Form

Sept. 18th -20th 2024
Partners in Progress

Nominee:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Please check the appropriate award. (Consult the following page for award guidelines.)			
	Fellow		Voluntary Service
	New Professional		Benefits are Endless
	Arts & Humanities		• Individual or Organization
	Distinguished Service		• Recreation Programming
	Life Member		• Parks & Facilities Development
	Outstanding Professional (Parks, Recreation or Therapeutic)		

Please address the following areas in a single typed page:

- Employment History
- Community service
- Number of years as NeRPA Member
- Education
- NRPA Member
- Professional Qualifications
- Leadership Qualifications
- National Offices Held, Committee Performed
- State Offices Held, Committee Performed
- Work Performed
- Other Pertinent Information

Submitted By:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Mail completed form to: NeRPA
Att. Awards Committee
1819 Farnam St.
Omaha Ne. 68183
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Deadline: September 6th, 2024

Date Submitted: _____



NeRPA Award Guidelines

Fellow Award

The nominee shall have:

- a) been a member of NeRPA for a minimum of 5 years.
- b) worked in the recreation & park field a minimum of 10 years.
- c) held office in a state and/or national professional organization or performed important committee work.
- d) received broad acclaim from peers in excellence in one or more of the following: acquisition, design, construction, development, maintenance, administration, fund raising and financing, program development, public relations, leadership.
- e) brought recognition to the profession through leadership in other organizations.

New Professional Award

The nominee shall have:

- a) been a member of NeRPA* for a minimum of 1 year.
- b) worked in the recreation & park field no more than 10 years.
- c) held office in a state and/or national professional organization or performed important committee work.
- d) work.
- e) received broad acclaim from peers in excellence in one or more of the following: acquisition, design, construction, development, maintenance, administration, fund raising and financing, program development, public relations, leadership.
- f) brought recognition to the profession through leadership in other organizations.

Distinguished Service Award

The nominee shall have:

- a) been a member of NeRPA* for a minimum of 5 years.
- b) worked in the recreation & park field for a minimum of 10 years.
- c) received broad acclaim from peers in excellence in one or more of the following: acquisition, design, construction, development, maintenance, administration, fund raising and financing, program development, public relations, leadership.

Life Member Award

The nominee shall have:

- a) been a member of NeRPA* for a minimum of 5 years.
- b) reached the age of 60 and retired.

Voluntary Service

(Individual or Organization)

The nominee shall have:

- a) volunteered service in or on behalf of recreation & parks for a minimum of 5 years.
- b) served on boards or with recreation & park organizations at the local, state or national level.
- c) worked actively on behalf of significant legislation at the local, state or national level.
- d) been a donor to recreation & park agencies, organizations or institutions.
- e) provided public service through efforts in related organizations, institutions or fields.
- f) demonstrated awareness & concern that each individual have an opportunity for enriched living through recreation & parks.

Arts and Humanities Award

- a) This award is open to any leisure service agency in the state that is a member or whose director or superintendent is a member of both NRPA and NeRPA.
- b) In the event that a community has no leisure service agency but is offering an outstanding program in the arts & humanities, the program may be submitted by any leisure service agency, director or superintendent belonging to both NRPA and NeRPA.
- c) The program must have been conducted during the year immediately preceding the year of the award.

Outstanding Professional Award

The nominee shall have:

- a) been in the recreation, park or therapeutic field.
- b) been a member of NeRPA for a minimum of 3 years.
- c) made significant contributions to the recreation, park or therapeutic profession.
- d) shown and demonstrated professional growth.

Benefits are Endless Award

(Individual or Organization)

The nominee shall have:

- a) worked within or outside the recreation & park fields.
- b) provided service in or on behalf of recreation & parks at the local, state or national level.
- c) worked actively on behalf of significant legislation at the local, state or national level
- d) been a donor to recreation & park agencies, organizations or institutions.
- e) demonstrated awareness & concern that each individual have an opportunity for enriched living through recreation & parks.

Benefits are Endless Awards

Recreation Programming Award

- a) Membership with NeRPA is not required but recommended.
- b) Staff from park and recreation departments and therapeutic recreation agencies submit a summary describing their outstanding recreation program along with no more than 10 color photographs or a brief video.
- c) Entries will be categorized by population. Class I: over 10, 000, Class II: under 10,000.
- d) Finalist will be asked, but not required, to briefly present their program during a session at the NeRPA State Conference.
- e) Program must have been conducted during the year immediately proceeding the year of the award.
- f) Award selection will be based on:
 1. The recognized benefits from the program for the individuals, community and department;
 2. The growth of participation over the years or the extraordinary attendance the first year; and
 3. Unique qualities of the program.

Park & Facilities Development Award

- a) Membership with NeRPA is not required but recommended.
- b) Staff from park and recreation departments or state parks submit a summary describing their outstanding park or facilities project along with no more than 10 color photographs or a brief video.
- c) Entries will be categorized by population. Class I: over 10, 000, Class II: under 10,000.
- d) Finalist will be asked, but not required, to briefly present their program during a session at the NeRPA State Conference.
- e) Program must have been conducted during the year immediately proceeding the year of the award.
- f) Award selection will be based on:
 - a. The recognized benefits from the program for the individuals, community and department;
 - b. Usage of the park and facilities; and
 - c. Unique qualities of the park and facilities.