



Program of Excellence Awards

PURPOSE

Recognize excellence in recreation programming throughout the State of Nevada.

CATEGORIES

The Program Excellence Awards will be given in the following subject categories:

- Active Adult 50+
- Adaptive
- Aquatics
- Community or Neighborhood Special Event
 - o 0-100
 - o 100-1000
 - o 1000-10,000
 - o 10,000+
- Co-Partnership
- Cultural
- Educational
- Health/Fitness
- Outdoor
- Sports
- Youth Enrichment

ELIGIBILITY

- Any program or event created within the last five (5) years.
- A previous winner may not be re-submitted.
- An entry may not be submitted in multiple categories.
- Agencies or individuals do not need to be NRPS members to be eligible to submit.

GENERAL FORMAT

Each entry must be submitted to nrps@nrps.org. In the subject line please title it Program Excellence Award. **Entry must be submitted by February 16th.** After submitting your application, the awards committee will contact you if additional information is required.

Required Additional Submittals

1. **Narrative:** submit as a PDF
 - Description:** Please provide a quick description of your event; title, date, location, age range, # of participants and brochure description. Bullet points are acceptable. [250 word maximum] (10 pts)
 - Challenge:** Describe the significant issue, problem or concern that the entry addressed and the desired outcomes you were looking to achieve. [250 word maximum] (20 pts)

- Execution:** Describe the extent to which the entry utilized various strategies, tools, resources and outreach efforts to address the *challenge* and any use of creative or innovative approaches, including the use of non-traditional fiscal or community resources (grants, sponsorships, volunteers, etc.) and the communication efforts used to inform or seek feedback from the community, policy makers or partners. [400 word maximum] (20 pts)
- Accomplishment:** Describe the extent to which the entry created a substantial community benefit, improved operational efficiencies, created new or increased value in the community or significantly enhanced the provision of park and recreation services through measureable results. [400 word maximum] (20 pts)
- Mission:** Describe the extent to which the entry supported the positive public exposure generated for the field of parks, recreation, and cultural services. [250 word maximum] (10 pts)

2. **Photos or Video:** 5 to 8 photos [1 MB]; each photo labeled with entry and agency name **OR a 1 minute program submission promotional video.**

3. **Documentation:** Maximum 3 examples of background material that support one or more of the criteria (PDF) e.g. partnership agreement, press releases, needs assessments, etc.

4. **Letter** from agency administrator acknowledging entry is being submitted (only if entry is submitted by non-agency personnel) (PDF)

JUDGING

Each program will be evaluated by a review committee consisting of parks and recreation professionals throughout the State of Nevada. Awards will be considered for each category and division indicated on the application form. Judges may relocate an entry to a more appropriate category when necessary.

AWARDS

Awards will be given in all winning categories as recommended by the judges. Plaques will be awarded to the Agency responsible for the program. Additional plaques may be ordered following the award presentation if desired— at the cost of the applicant.

Recipients will receive their award at the **2024 NRPS Conference.**

If you have any questions about this award, please contact nrps@nrps.org

All agencies/individuals submitting entries will be notified prior to the State Conference as to whether or not they have won an award.



Tahoe Blue Event Center, Lake Tahoe (Stateline) NV
Nevada Recreation & Park Society Annual Conference
April 15th – 17th 2024