



Young Professional Award

PURPOSE

This award recognizes the outstanding achievements and accomplishments of young professionals. The candidate must be 35 years of age or younger as of December 31, 2023, and be a member of NRPS. They must have a minimum of 5 years' experience as a leader, instructor, supervisor, administrator, consultant, or a combination of these in the field of parks and recreation. The candidate should be an "up and coming leader" who possesses all of those qualities and skills that will eventually put them into top leadership roles.

CANDIDATE QUALIFICATION CHECKLIST:

- Distinctive leadership in promotion, organization, and development of a "pioneer-type" activity in parks and recreation.
- Contributions to the profession through NRPS and/or NRPA, its branches and affiliates.
- Outstanding service to the profession through the allied fields of arts, crafts, sports, health and safety education, design, park maintenance, horticulture, education, consultation, services, etc.
- High recommendations and respect from the staff within the agency for which the individual now works.

GENERAL FORMAT

Each entry must be submitted to nrps@nrps.org. In the subject line please title it Young Professional Award. **Entry must be submitted by February 16th.** After submitting your application,

the awards committee will contact you if additional information is required.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST:

- **Letter of award application**
Explain why your nominee should be considered for this professional award and what experience makes them qualified for this award. Nominations should be clear, concise and well written.
- **Graphics**
Please include applicable pictures, visuals, artwork, illustrations etc. for the slide show presentation.
- **Include supporting documentation**
Provide detailed information and documents that support the criteria outlined in your letter.
- **Letter of support from agency director**
Although it is not required, and may not be applicable to all individuals sending award submissions, letters from your director can provide another perspective to the awards committee about what makes you an outstanding candidate.

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.



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Nevada Recreation & Park Society Annual Conference
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