

IRPA AWARD CATEGORIES

IRPA annually recognizes members, citizens and organizations in the state that have rendered outstanding service to the recreation and park movement.

DR. LEON GREEN AWARD

The Dr. Leon Green Fellowship Award is the highest award given by IRPA, which should be considered when nominating candidates. The purpose of this award is to recognize vigorous activity in the parks and recreation field and in IRPA. This award serves as a tribute to the myriad of contributions made by Dr. Green to further the aims, goals, and objectives of Parks, Recreation, and Leisure services in the state of Idaho.

PROFESSIONAL AWARD - RECREATION

Recognizes individuals who have given outstanding service to the field of recreation and will continue to provide high-quality leisure opportunities and benefits to the community in the years ahead.

PROFESSIONAL AWARD – PARKS, TRAILS OR CONSERVATION

Recognizes individuals who have given outstanding service to the field of parks, trails or conservation and will continue to provide high-quality leisure opportunities and benefits to the community in the years ahead.

PROFESSIONAL AWARD - FACILITIES

Recognizes individuals who have given outstanding service in the management of a recreation facility(ies) and will continue to provide high-quality leisure opportunities and benefits to the community in the years ahead.

YOUNG PROFESSIONAL AWARD

Recognizes "up and coming" leaders that possess qualities and skills that will eventually put them into top leadership roles. These individuals are actively participating in professional development, in NRPA and/or their state association activities, and taking advantage of opportunities to learn and grow within their chosen field. The candidates should be 35 years of age or less as of December 31st in the nominating year.

OUTSTANDING SUPPORT STAFF AWARD

To recognize support staff for exceptional accomplishments, leadership, innovation and service to the Parks and Recreation Profession.

CITATION OF MERIT-OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUAL

Honors significant contributions from an individual whose involvement has had a significant positive impact on parks and recreation at the city, county, state, regional, or national level.

CITATION OF MERIT-PARTNER ORGANIZATION

Honors significant contributions from an organization whose involvement has had a significant positive impact on parks and recreation at the city, county, state, regional, or national level.

OUTSTANDING PARK OR FACILITY

The Outstanding Park or Facility Award is granted to governmental, private, institutional, or educational agencies directly involved in park, recreation, conservation, or tourism services. The purpose of the award is to emphasize and recognize outstanding and/or unique achievements in parks and recreation facility design and/or development in new construction or major rehabilitation projects.

OUTSTANDING INNOVATIVE PROGRAM

To recognize and encourage special efforts made by parks and recreation agencies, organizations or individuals who have provided outstanding recreation benefits to a community.

IRPA SCHOLARSHIP CATEGORIES

OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENT

Graduate students enrolled for the upcoming year in parks, recreation, and tourism fields are eligible. This award is given to emphasize and recognize academic and professional achievement of students who have chosen to continue on with graduate studies in the field.

OUTSTANDING UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT

Undergraduate students enrolled for the upcoming year in parks, recreation, and tourism fields are eligible. This award is given to emphasize and recognize academic and professional achievement of students enrolled in the professional curriculum.