



TO: Kentucky Recreation & Park Society Members
FROM: 2009 Awards Chair, Debbie Holleran
DATE: September 9, 2009
RE: Awards Criteria

No member of the Awards Committee shall participate in any vote to select any nominee who has been nominated by him/her; nor shall members participate in any vote related to their own nomination or selection for an award from KRPS.

The Awards Committee submits the following criteria for the selections of the KRPS Awards.

FELLOW AWARD

One Fellow award may be given each year to a professional recreation leader.

Purpose:

To recognize an individual who has dedicated interest in the profession or the field of leisure culture or a fellow recreator who has made outstanding contributions to the profession.

Criteria:

1. Experience – at least 15 years experience as a leader, instructor, supervisor, director, administrator or combination in the field of recreation.
2. Service – contribution should have been rendered (a) primarily through the Kentucky Recreation & Park Society, (b) through distinctive leadership in recreation, or (c) meritorious service to our profession.
3. Must be a member in good standing with the Kentucky Recreation & Park Society.

PRESIDENTIAL CITATION

One Presidential Citation may be given each year.

Purpose:

This citation is awarded to the person who has contributed to the field of recreation in the Commonwealth of Kentucky in the year of the nomination. The nomination is made by the outgoing president and approved by the awards committee.

SPECIAL CITATION

One or more awards may be given each year to a lay person not employed in the field of recreation, company, agency, or elected official. The award may also be given each year to private companies or agencies that have given outstanding support in a monetary or other manner, to the parks and recreation field.

Purpose:

To recognize individuals and private industry or agencies that have given outstanding help or aid in the field of recreation or leisure time pursuits...commercial recreation personnel included.

COMMUNICATIONS AWARD

One or more Communication awards may be given each year to a newspaper, magazine, radio, or television station.

Purpose:

To recognize outstanding articles, programs and coverage in the field of recreation.

OUTSTANDING COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY SENIOR

One outstanding senior award will be given annually to the outstanding college/university senior majoring in the field of recreation.

Purpose:

To recognize a student who has excelled in academic performance, leadership, and citizenship as it pertains to the study of the recreation profession. The student must be a member of the Kentucky Recreation & Park Society as of January 1 of the year nominated.

PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR

One award will be given each year to the "Professional of the Year."

Purpose:

To recognize a practicing recreation professional for outstanding contributions to the profession.

Criteria:

1. Experience-as a leader, instructor, supervisor, director, administrator or any combination in the field of recreation, with more than 4 years experience.
2. Service-contribution should have been rendered (a) through distinctive leadership in the field of recreation, (b) meritorious service to our profession.
3. Must be a member in good standing of the Kentucky Recreation & Park Society for at least 1 year.
4. This award may be awarded more than once to an individual.

OUTSTANDING DEPARTMENT AWARD

One Outstanding Department award will be given each year to a park and recreation department or agency in the following classes: Class I - 16 plus full time employees. Class II - 15 or less full time employees.

Purpose:

To recognize each year a recreation department or agency (federal, state, local, university, private, or church) who has demonstrated outstanding contributions in leisure services.

Criteria:

1. Any or all sections of parks and recreation having shown innovative programs and demonstrated outstanding achievement in one or more areas.
2. Inclusive of all facets of parks and recreation programs.
3. Consideration of community size and resources shall be factored into the judging of this award.
4. Must be member in good standing no less than 2 years.

SUPPORT AWARD

One or more awards may be given each year to a parks and recreation "Support Staff" (maintenance, administration, clerical, etc.) individual who has done an outstanding job throughout the year.

Purpose:

To recognize individuals whose skill and dedication in their work has contributed to the overall quality of their department or the Kentucky Recreation & Park Society.

OUTSTANDING PROGRAM AWARD

One or more Outstanding Program Awards may be given annually for an outstanding program, activity, or event (for areas not included in the Arts and Humanities/Dorothy Mullen Award). Winners will be asked to present at following years conference.

YOUNG PROFESSIONAL

One award may be given each year to the “Young Professional”.

Purpose:

To recognize a practicing young professional for outstanding contributions to the profession.

Criteria:

1. Up to 4 years service in the field of recreation.
2. Experience as a leader, instructor, supervisor or any combination in the field of recreation.
3. Member in good standing of the Kentucky Recreation & Park Society for at least 1 year.

FACILITY AWARD

One award may be given each year to an indoor/outdoor facility (federal, state, local, university, private, or church) that offers a unique enhancement to the quality of life in the field of recreation and leisure service within the community in the following classes: Class I - 16 plus full time employees. Class II - 15 or less full time employees.

OUTSTANDING STATE PARK AWARD

One Outstanding State Park award will be given each year to a park and recreation department or agency in the following classes: Class I - 16 plus full time employees. Class II - 15 or less full time employees.

Purpose:

To recognize each year a Kentucky State Park who has demonstrated outstanding contributions in leisure services.

Criteria: same as Outstanding Department Award

OUTSTANDING PUBLIC OFFICIAL (New in 2009!)

One or more awards may be presented to a currently serving federal, state or local official who has contributed significantly to the benefit of park, recreation, leisure services and open space programs. Although the specific involvement may be only with a single park system, it should be truly exemplary to the parks movement.

**** IMPORTANT NOTE – Ten (10) copies of the nomination form and content **must be submitted** for disbursement to the Awards Committee ****