

2018 KRPS Awards

The KRPS annual awards recognize organizations throughout Kentucky that embody the vision, commitment, and demonstration of excellence in parks and recreation. These awards highlight the efforts of those organizations that surpass everyday standards to make a difference and improve the quality of life in our Kentucky communities.

Why submit?

- Display how your agency is improving the quality of life in your community
- Earn your agency acknowledgement
- Demonstrate the caliber of your organization's work
- Showcase your organization's talents and dedication to the parks and recreation profession
- Increase marketability and media access
- Receive recognition in the parks and recreation profession

What is the judging process?

The project and program submissions will be judged by parks and recreation professionals from around Kentucky. Project awards include: Facility, Program, Department, Communication and State Park Awards. Professional awards include: Fellow, Special Citation, Young Professional, Outstanding College/University Senior, Support, Professional of the Year, Hall of Fame, David Lose Partnership and Outstanding Public Official. Presidential Citation Award also given and is only nominated by KRPS president and approved by the awards committee. The awards committee consists of a representative from each district in the state of Kentucky. The top scorer in each KRPS class size if applicable will receive an award. Ties will be broken by the awards committee. All entries will receive a summary of the judging sheet and comments after conference is held.

Rules of submission:

- Nomination packets (nomination forms, awards submission information and supporting documents) must be submitted by a current KRPS member or staff of an agency with an organization membership
- Project awards may only be submitted in one category
- Winning submissions are not permitted to be entered two years in a row
- The awards committee reserves the right to reassign applications to the most appropriate category
- Submission of nomination packets grants KRPS permission to use any and all portion of the nomination packet, including photos videos, on the website and in marketing materials
- All nomination packets must be typed and submitted in the order of nomination form, submission information, supporting documents
- Nomination packet must be submitted by submission deadline of November 17, 2017 at 11:59pm EST for consideration to: krpsawards@gmail.com (*Email submissions will receive confirmation when received) OR mailed (8 copies) to:

Shelby County Parks
717 Burks Branch Road
Shelbyville, KY 40065

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Project Awards:

Outstanding Department Award

- To recognize each year a recreation department or agency (federal, state, local, university, private, or church) who has demonstrated outstanding contributions in leisure services in the below class sizes
- Any or all section of the parks and recreation having shown innovative programs and demonstrated outstanding achievement in one or more areas.
- Inclusive of all facets of parks and recreation programs
- Consideration of community size and resources shall be factored into the judging of this award
- Must be a member in good standing of the Kentucky Recreation & Park Society for at least 2 years

Outstanding State Park Award

- To recognize each year a Kentucky State Park who has demonstrated outstanding contributions in leisure services in the below class sizes
- Any or all sections of the parks and recreation having shown innovative programs and demonstrated outstanding achievement in one or more areas
- Inclusive of all facets of parks and recreation programs
- Consideration of community size and resources shall be factored into the judging of this award
- Must be a member in good standing of the Kentucky Recreation & Park Society no less than 2 years

Facility Award

- Nominator must be a member in good standing with the Kentucky Recreation & Park Society and no less than 2 years of membership
- One award may be given each year to an indoor or 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 below class sizes

****One outstanding department , outstanding state park and facility award will be given each year to a park and recreation department or agency in the following classes:**

Class I: 5 or less Full Time Employees

Class II: 6-10 Full Time Employees

Class III: 11-19 Full Time Employees

Class Iv: 20+ Full Time Employees

Outstanding Program Award

- One or more outstanding program awards may be given annually for an outstanding program, activity, or event. Winners will be asked to present at the following years' conference.

Communication Award

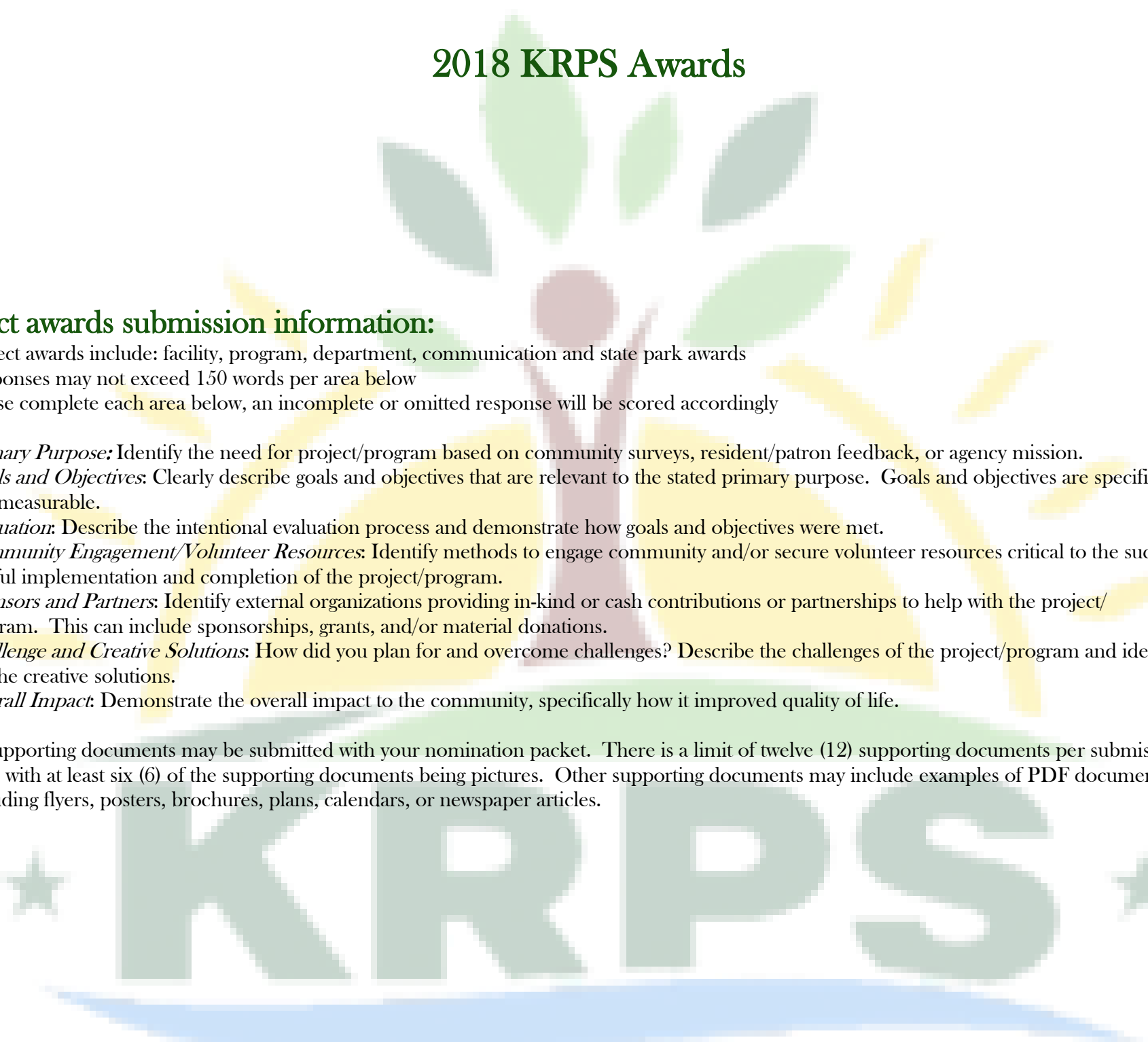
- One or more awards may be given each year to a newspaper, magazine, radio, or television station
- To recognize outstanding articles, programs, and coverage in the field of parks and recreation

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Project awards submission information:

- Project awards include: facility, program, department, communication and state park awards
 - Responses may not exceed 150 words per area below
 - Please complete each area below, an incomplete or omitted response will be scored accordingly
1. *Primary Purpose:* Identify the need for project/program based on community surveys, resident/patron feedback, or agency mission.
 2. *Goals and Objectives:* Clearly describe goals and objectives that are relevant to the stated primary purpose. Goals and objectives are specific and measurable.
 3. *Evaluation:* Describe the intentional evaluation process and demonstrate how goals and objectives were met.
 4. *Community Engagement/Volunteer Resources:* Identify methods to engage community and/or secure volunteer resources critical to the successful implementation and completion of the project/program.
 5. *Sponsors and Partners:* Identify external organizations providing in-kind or cash contributions or partnerships to help with the project/program. This can include sponsorships, grants, and/or material donations.
 6. *Challenge and Creative Solutions:* How did you plan for and overcome challenges? Describe the challenges of the project/program and identify the creative solutions.
 7. *Overall Impact:* Demonstrate the overall impact to the community, specifically how it improved quality of life.

** Supporting documents may be submitted with your nomination packet. There is a limit of twelve (12) supporting documents per submission, with at least six (6) of the supporting documents being pictures. Other supporting documents may include examples of PDF documents including flyers, posters, brochures, plans, calendars, or newspaper articles.



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Professional Awards:

Fellow Award

- One Fellow Award may be given each year to a professional recreation leader.
- To recognize an individual who has dedicated interest in the profession or the field of leisure
- Experience: at least 5 years of experience as a leader, instructor, supervisor, director, administrator, or combination in the field of recreation.
- Service-contribution should have been rendered
 - (A) primarily through Kentucky Recreation & Park Society,
 - (B) Through distinctive leadership in recreation, or
 - (C) Meritorious service to our profession
- Must be a member in good standing with the Kentucky Recreation & Park Society for at least 1 year

Special Citation Award

- 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 a private company or agency that have given outstanding support in a monetary or other manner to the parks and recreation field.
- 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.

Young Professional Award

One award may be given each year to a young professional

- To recognize a practicing young professional for outstanding contributions to the profession
- Must be 35 years of age or younger (at the time of nomination due date) OR have 5-7 years of full time experience in the park and recreation field
- Experience as a leader, instructor, supervisor or any combination in the field of recreation
- Must be a member in good standing of the Kentucky Recreation & Park Society for at least 1 year

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Professional Awards Continued:

Professional of the Year Award

One award will be given and this award may be presented more than once to an individual

- To recognize a practicing recreation professional for outstanding contributions to the profession
- Experience: must have more than 5 years of experience as a leader, instructor, supervisor, director, administrator, or any combination in the field of parks and recreation
- Service: contribution should be rendered through
 - (A) distinctive leadership in the field of parks and recreation, AND
 - (B) meritorious service to our profession
- Must be a member in good standing of the Kentucky Recreation & Park Society for at least 1 year

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.

- 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
- Department nominating must be a member of KRPS

Outstanding College/University Senior Award

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

- 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.



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Outstanding Public Official Award

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

- Department nominating must be a member of KRPS

The David Lose Partnership Award

This award is presented to an agency/organization/individual that has developed and/or established a successful partnership/relationship to significantly help advance and impact the cause of the parks and recreation movement and whose dedication to the field parallels the same dedication and zeal towards parks, recreation and conservation that was exhibited by David Lose after whom the award is named.

- Department nominating must be a member of KRPS

Hall of Fame

Any professional or special individual who has made outstanding, unique, lasting, and extraordinary contributions to the parks and recreation progress in Kentucky. Service to progress of parks and recreation in the state of Kentucky for a minimum of 20 years and as a Kentucky Recreation & Park Society member, unless waived by special circumstances as determined by the awards committee and approved by the board of directors.

Hall of Fame Nomination Process:

- Any individual or agency holding a current membership in the Kentucky Recreation & Park Society, including hall of fame members, may nominate a professional or special individual for induction to the hall of fame
- Nominations may be made at any time, but any not submitted by the established deadline will be considered with the following year's class
- Nominations received in time, but not selected for induction that year, shall not carry over to the following year, but may be resubmitted without limitation

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Professional awards submission information:

- Professional awards include: fellow, special citation, young professional, outstanding college/university senior, support, professional of the year, David Lose partnership, hall of fame and outstanding public official
 - Responses may not exceed 150 words per area below
 - Please complete each area below, an incomplete or omitted response will be scored accordingly
1. Describe the primary reason this person is being nominated for an award. Please include number of years working/volunteering in the Parks and Recreation field.
 2. Describe the nominee's service to KRPS or predecessor organizations, including leadership roles and/or work.
 3. Describe how the nominee has shown leadership skills by communicating parks and recreation benefits, setting direction, innovative ideas, and/or effective decision making. Describe the effectiveness of the nominee in promoting ideas or vision.
 4. Describe how the nominee's advocacy for parks and recreation has contributed to the KRPS mission to advance parks, recreation, and environmental conservation efforts that enhance the quality of life for all people.
 5. Describe how the nominee has made a lasting, positive impact at the local, state, or national level through parks and recreation.

Required materials:

- Nominee's resume or vita of the nominee that includes career timeline and educational accomplishments
- Three (3) letters of support
- Headshot photograph (1-2 images)

** Supporting documents may be submitted with your nomination packet. There is a limit of twelve (12) supporting documents per submission with at least six (6) of the supporting documents being casual images of the nominee "on the job". Other supporting information may include affiliations, narratives, certifications, honors earned, and media documentation.