



2022 Professional Awards



What are Professional Awards?

Professional awards recognize practicing recreation individuals for outstanding contributions to the Park and Recreation field. Nominations in this field should focus on individuals who demonstrate that they go the extra mile and are members in good standing with KRPS.

Awards include:

- **Professional of the Year**– Recognizes a practicing recreation professional for outstanding contributions to the profession with more than five years experience with distinctive leadership in the field and meritorious service to our profession. One award will be given and this award may be presented more than once to an individual.
- **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. Recognizes 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 in good standing.
- **Young Professional of the Year**– Recognizes a new parks and recreational professional for outstanding contributions to the profession. Nominee 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. Must be have experience as a leader, instructor, supervisor or any combination in the field of recreation. Must be a member in good standing with KRPS for at least 1 year. One award may be given to a young professional each year.
- **Fellow Award**– Recognizes a professional recreation leader who has dedicated interest in the profession of field of leisure. Must have at least five years of experience as a leader, instructor, director, administrator or combination in the field of recreation. Service-contribution should have been rendered primarily through KRPS, through distinctive leadership in recreation, or meritorious service to our profession.
- **Hall of Fame**– Is reserved for any professional or special individual who has made unique, and extraordinary contributions to the parks and recreation progress in Kentucky. Service to the progress of parks and recreation in the state of Kentucky for a minimum of 20 years and as a KRPS 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 KRPS, including hall of fame members, may nominate a professional or special individual for induction to the hall of fame, retiree preferred.
 - 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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Why Submit a Nomination?

- Display how you are improving the quality of life in your community
- Earn deserved acknowledgements for your professionals
- Demonstrate the caliber of your organization's personnel
- 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

Who is eligible to be nominated and Who can nominate?

- Departments and Agencies who are members of KRPS in good standing for no less than 2 years are eligible to be nominate. Eligibility for nominees is specific to the award. Please see the award descriptions.
- You **CAN** nominate yourself.

How are winners selected?

The Awards Committee is made up of 7 members from each of the 7 Districts of KRPS. They judge each nomination by following a rubric. The actual rubric is available to see on the KRPS website. If a member of the Awards Committee has a nomination in a category, they do not judge that category. The committee also reserves the right to reassign nominations to the most appropriate category and will break ties. Submissions should completely follow the criteria on the nomination forms. Incomplete, omitted, or more than the requested supporting documentation will be scored accordingly. The top Scorer in each KRPS class can receive an award. Notifications to award winners will be made no later than two weeks before conference. All entries will receive a summary of the judging sheet and comments after the conference.



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Rules of Submission:

- All nomination packets must be typed and submitted in the order of cover sheet, submission information, the professional supplemental form, twelve (12) supporting documents, and then additional required materials.
- Responses may not exceed 1,000 characters per criteria
- No more than twelve (12) INDIVIDUAL supporting documents
 - At least 6 casual images of the nominee “on the job” (jpeg, high resolution only)
 - Other accepted documents include flyers, posters, brochures, plans, calendars or newspaper articles.
- Additional required materials include:
 - Nominee’s resume or vita. Must include career timeline and educational accomplishments.
 - Three (3) letters of support
- Include a jpeg, high resolution picture of your department or agency logo. This is not considered a supporting document.
- Do not submit your WINNING submission 2 years in a row. If you won in 2021, do not resubmit the same Agency, Professional, or Support Award in 2022
- Each Nomination packet must be submitted by **September 16, 2022** at 11:59 PM EST for consideration through email or USPS.
 - Email to: krpsawards@gmail.com
 - or Mail to: Boone County Parks
ATTN: Liz McBee
PO Box 566,
Burlington, KY 41005

*Submitted Nomination Packets **GRANTS** KRPS permission to use any and all portions of the packet including photos, videos on the website and in marketing materials.*