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## 2021 NACPRO Awards - Call for Nominations

Nominations are now being accepted for the NACPRO 2021 awards program. The annual awards program recognizes and honors excellence in parks and recreation at the county, regional, and special district level throughout the nation.

**NACPRO will not be conducting a summer meeting and awards ceremony in 2021. Awards will be shipped directly to the awarded agency. NACPRO will develop an awards presentation video for your local award celebration.**

Award nominations will be submitted through an online form. Nominations submitted via email or postal mail will not be considered.

There is no limit to the number of award nominations you can submit.

Previous awarded individuals and projects are not eligible for nomination within their awarded category. Nominations that competed in the preceding year, but were unsuccessful, may be submitted again.

**The deadline for award submissions is March 12, 2021. A non-refundable fee of \$75 per nomination is required.**

Award nominations are accepted only from agencies that have a NACPRO member. Not sure if your agency has a member? Call or email Brenda at (814) 927-8212 or [Brenda@nacpro.org](mailto:Brenda@nacpro.org). Once your agency has an active member, you will have access to the online form with your member's username and password.

You will be notified of the disposition of your award nomination by May 14, 2021.

See page 5 for instructions on how to prepare and submit your award nomination.

**For more information:** Brenda Adams-Weyant at (814) 927-8212 or [Brenda@nacpro.org](mailto:Brenda@nacpro.org)

## INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

### **Outstanding Public Official**

This award is presented to a nominated, elected or appointed federal, state, or local official (including commissioners or board members) who has contributed significantly to the benefit of NACPRO member agencies. Although the specific involvement may be with only a single park system, it should be truly exemplary to the parks and recreation field. Limited to two per year.

### **Professional**

These awards are presented to professionals who are employed by a NACPRO member agency.

**Lifetime:** Recognizes professionals who are retiring or leaving parks and recreation service. More than one lifetime award may be presented annually.

**Fellow:** Recognizes an exemplary professional currently employed in the parks and recreation service. Limited to one per year.

### **Friends of Parks and Recreation**

These awards are presented to lay individuals who have made exemplary contributions benefiting parks and recreation programs or facilities at NACPRO member agencies. Limited to one per category.

**Outstanding Contributor:** This award is presented to an individual who has made a significant contribution of land or financial resources to parks and recreation.

**Outstanding Volunteer:** This award is presented to an individual who has made a significant contribution of personal time and talent to a NACPRO member agency.

**Outstanding Support Organization:** This award is presented to an organization that has responded in an exceptional manner by making a major contribution to benefit park and recreation programs or facilities. The contribution may involve facility or program development, operations, or organizational support.

## AREA AND FACILITY AWARDS

These awards recognize a NACPRO member agency that has developed a unique or exceptional area or facility; to focus national attention on the very best of facility design; to encourage outstanding efforts in planning, design, construction, and benefits to the community; and to serve as an example for others to follow.

All nominations will be reviewed for the following: overall layout, design elements, construction techniques, aesthetics and special aspects, funding and construction costs, community support, best practices, sustainability, and maintenance features. Limited to two per category.

### **Park and Recreation Areas or Facilities**

These awards recognize and honor excellence in park and recreation areas and facilities.

**Class I Award:** Agencies with a population service area of less than 500,000.

**Class II Award:** Agencies with a population service area over 500,000.

## **Trails and Corridors**

This award recognizes and honor excellence in a trail, greenway, waterway, corridor or other linear park development project.

**Class I Award:** Agencies with a population service area of less than 500,000.

**Class II Award:** Agencies with a population service area over 500,000.

## **Operational Facility**

This award recognizes a support facility of unique or significant design. Examples include, but are not limited to, maintenance facilities, administrative offices, and service centers.

## **Historical or Cultural Facility**

This award recognizes a unique facility development dedicated to historical or cultural preservation, programming, and/or interpretation.

# **PROGRAM AWARDS**

## **Park and Recreation Program**

These awards recognize a NACPRO member agency that has provided a unique or exceptional program, activity, or event, which provides an outstanding example for others to follow. Nominations will be reviewed for the following: uniqueness, effectiveness in achieving program goals, and public response. These awards are limited to two per class.

**Class I Award:** Agencies with a population service area of less than 500,000.

**Class II Award:** Agencies with a population service area over 500,000.

# **SPECIAL AWARDS**

## **Social Justice (New this year)**

The award honors a park system that has served as a change agent and made a tangible impact in the community and/or workplace by prioritizing a culture of equity and inclusion. This award recognizes outstanding commitment in the following areas:

- A community based program or improvement project in service to the public that promotes equity and inclusion.
- A workplace initiative or policy that has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to social justice through leadership and collaboration.

## **Conservation**

This award recognizes an exceptional effort to acquire, restore, preserve, operate, or develop unique or significant conservation and natural areas or programs.

## **Marketing**

This award recognizes a marketing effort demonstrating unique, significant, or exceptional outcomes. This award category includes projects involving market research, marketing plans, promotion, advertising, and use of information technologies.

## **Planning Initiative**

This award recognizes a research or planning initiative that has provided the agency with important information to aid in decision-making and which contributes to a body of knowledge that advances the practice of planning.

## **Removing Barriers**

This award recognizes a unique program or facility that enables and encourages greater participation in parks and recreation by persons with disabilities.

## Instructions

The deadline for award submissions is **March 12, 2021**.

1. Award nominations are accepted only from agencies that have a NACPRO member. You cannot proceed with your nomination until you have an active membership and your member's username and password. Not sure if your agency has a member? Contact Brenda at (814) 927-8212 or [brenda@nacpro.org](mailto:brenda@nacpro.org).
2. Nominations are submitted via an online form. A non-refundable fee of \$75 per nomination is required. If you plan on submitting several nominations, we can invoice you for the total. Please choose the Invoice option when you get to the payment page. Check, Purchase Order, Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover Card are accepted.
3. There is no limit to the number of award nominations you can submit.
4. An award nomination cannot be edited once it has been submitted online. We recommend preparing the nomination in Word or Notepad before you login, and pasting the text into the online form.

**You will need to gather the following information to complete your nomination:**

- a) **Primary Contact:** Your name, agency, mailing address, phone number and email address.
- b) **Alternate Contact:** Name, phone number and email address (optional).
- c) **Nomination information:** Nominee's name, Nominee's title (if applicable), Nominee's organization, and population of area served (for class awards).
- d) **Achievement Narrative:** Please limit your narrative to 2-3 paragraphs (no more than 300 words total). If you want to reference a report, please include a URL to that report in the narrative.
  - For Individual Awards please describe the individual's role, a description of their actions, ideas, and support provided to your agency.
  - For Program, Facility or Special Awards please describe the program or facility, its objectives and outcomes, timeframe, who was responsible for the initiative, public response, and a statement of why this initiative is unique.
- e) **Attach one document with support information:** Clippings, testimonials, brochures, resume, or other documentation necessary to present a complete picture. If you have multiple files, please combine them into one PDF. This file should be less than 5 MB in size.
- f) **Attach one to three digital photos** of the nominee or project being nominated. Each upload can only be one file. Photos should be in jpg format and have a resolution of at least 300 dpi. Photos should not be larger than 1 MB in size.

**Log-in to enter your award nominations:** <https://nacpro.memberclicks.net/award-nom-form>

## Questions?

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