



PRPS Recognition and Awards Program Awards for Excellence in Recreation & Parks

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Recipients of these awards must demonstrate outstanding quality, innovation, range and value of appeal, community support, efficient use of funding, human and material resources in the development, delivery and use of programs, special events, publications and promotions. You can submit a nomination here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8KW67KK>

Nominations will be rated independently by each member of the Recognition and Awards Committee. The entries will be rated on a scale of 1-5 for each **POWER** principle identified in item # 5. The total number of awards will be determined by the Recognition and Awards Committee and may vary from year to year.

1. PRPS membership (of sponsoring agency or person from agency submitting the award) is required to submit an entry.
2. The program, event, publication or promotion must have been offered or produced during the current PRPS membership year.
3. Previous PRPS award-winning programs, special events, publications or promotions may not be resubmitted for consideration unless there have been substantial changes to the content or format. An explanation of these changes is required.
4. Agencies or organizations may submit an unlimited number of entries under Excellence in Recreation and Parks through programming and/or publication and promotions awards nominations.
5. Entries will be assessed on how well the project, program, or initiative demonstrates each of the **POWER** principles.

Positions public parks and recreation as an essential community service. Tell how the entry advances the role and importance of public parks and recreation, shows the benefits of parks and recreation, and improves the quality of life in the community.

Outcome based. Describe the problem, issue, or opportunity and how the entry provided a solution to it.

Wow Factor. Explain how the entry advances parks and recreation in the community through a major accomplishment, innovation, or a creative approach to managing and/or providing public parks and recreation. Describe how the entry demonstrates creativity and innovation. This can range from start – up efforts made to establish parks and recreation, or a small but mighty effort to make something happen where parks and recreation is struggling, to the initiative of a well-established parks and recreation organization.

Effects change. Address how the entry deals with an important issue in the field of parks and recreation such as environmental stewardship, connecting people to nature, active healthy living, or social equity. Describe how it demonstrates strategies, resources, and outreach methods to increase public awareness, or other means that produce results.

Resourcefulness. Present how the entry used creative resources and outreach methods to generate support from a variety of sources including partnerships in the public, private and non-profit sectors, use of private funds, lands, facilities, or expertise, or secured support from policy makers or elected officials.